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Incorporating REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING
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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS of WORLD OF RADIO 1905, November 21-28, 2017

[NOTE: the 9330 broadcasts at 0030 have been inaudible here; not clear if low-powered, off the air, and/or due to propagation. Continue to be on the list hoping they reappear --- gh]

Tue 2030	WRMI	7780 9455 11580 [all confirmed]
Tue 2130	WRMI	9455 [confirmed]; 15770 [off the air, post-Irma]
Wed 0030	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB
Wed 1030	WRMI	5850 9455 [both confirmed]
Wed 1415	WRMI	9955 [confirmed]
Wed 2200	WBCQ	7490v [confirmed]
Thu 0030	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB
Thu 2230	WRMI	5850 [confirmed]
Fri 0030	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB
Sat 0030	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB
Sat 0730	HLR	6190-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio [confirmed]
Sat 1531	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 2030v	WA0RCR	1860-AM [almost confirmed]
Sat 2230	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [barely confiremd]
Sat 2300	WRMI	11580 [confirmed]

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Sun 0200  WRMI    11580
Sun 0410v WA0RCR  1860-AM [confirmed from 0409]
Sun 1130  HLR     9485-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Mon 0030  WBCQ    9330v-CUSB
Mon 0400v WBCQ    5130v-AM Area 51
Mon 0430  WRMI    9955
Tue 0030  WBCQ    9330v-CUSB
Tue 0030  WRMI    7730
Tue 2030  WRMI    9455 11580 7780 [or #1906?]
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WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS:
Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.
http://www.rmrc.de/index.php/rmrc-audio-plattform/podcast/glenn-hauser-wor

ALTERNATIVE PODCASTS, tnx Stephen Cooper:
http://shortwave.am/wor.xml

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http://feeds.feedburner.com/GlennHausersWorldOfRadio

NOW tnx to Keith Weston, also Podcasts via iTunes:
https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/glenn-hausers-world-of-radio/id1123369861

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manage; and also ahead of their availability in these weekly issues:
http://www.hard-core-dx.com/index.php?topic=Hauser

NOTE: I have *resolved* to make DXLD leaner, more selective, as I
seriously need to reduce my workload, much of which has been merely
editing gobs of material into presentable form. This makes it even

more important to be a member of the DXLD yg for additional material which may not make it into weekly issues (gh)

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When applying, please identify yourself with your real name and location, and say something about why you want to join. Those who do not, unless I recognize them, will be prompted once to do so and no action will be taken otherwise. Here`s where to sign up: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/

** AFGHANISTAN [non]. Good signal of IBB Radio Free Afghanistan in 19 MHz on Nov 16
0830-1230 on 19010 KWT 250 kW / 070 deg to WeAs
Dari/Pashto/Dari/Pashto
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/good-signal-of-ibb-radio-free.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 15-16, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD) The *only* usage currently of this band (gh, ibid.)

** ALASKA. 780, KNOM, AK, Nome ñ Granted STA with U1 11000/11000, transmitter problems (AM Switch, NRC DX News Nov 27, published Nov 18, via DXLD)

** ALASKA [non]. 7355, Nov 15 at 1400, I am trying to hear the KNLS non-Chariots of Fire IS underneath RNZI news, but cannot. Harold Sellers complained yesterday, ``7355 ALASKA KNLS at 1409 in English, but overwhelmed by strong co-channel RNZI. - Nov 14 Sellers-BC``. Another failure of frequency management: indeed, HFCC shows NZ at 13-17 (rounded off), and AK at 14-15 & 16-18 on 7355 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 6155, KNLS/CNR2 1355+ 16 Nov. Both in Chinese (KNLS has a couple minute break in transmission :57-:59) with KNLS' IS/ID/CH service website (www.smzg.org) mashing CNR2 (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach CA, PL380/6m X wire, via Bob Wilkner, NASWA yg via DXLD)

6155, KNLS, 1356+ 16 Nov. KNLS crunching CNR2 (both in Chinese) with KNLS running OC for a few minutes after the 1300-1355 programme ends & back at 1358+ with ID/ID & website [www.smzg.org].

7355, KNLS, 1355+ 16 Nov. KNLS also racking up "annoyance points" by over-riding RNZI's 13-17 sked with IS/ID & usual low-key English religious programming (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA PL380/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7355, KNLS/RNZI, 1400+ 15 Nov. Aaiigghh! Nasty mix here with RNZI usually atop, but not today with KNLS beating them soundly (Dan

Sheedy, Moonlight Beach CA, PL380/6m X wire, via Bob Wilkner, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** ALASKA [non]. 9600, Nov 19 at 0253, New Life Station is wrapping up English hour via MADAGASCAR with schedule: on 7370 at 08, 10 and 12; 7355 at 14 (which are really KNLS, the last one clashing with NZ); and 9600 at 02, 15560 at 03 which are really MWV; poor-fair, S4-S7. (The other English hours from MWV are African Pathways Radio, 11825 at 04, 17640 at 18 & 20) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALGERIA [non]. FRANCE, Frequency change of TÈlÈdiffusion d'AlgÈrie via TDF Issoudun:
1800-1858 7375*ISS 500 kW / 155 deg CEAf Arabic Holy Qur`an no change
1900-1958 7315 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg NWAf Arabic, NOT on new 5905 kHz
* co-ch 7375 GAL 300 kW / 285 deg WeEu Romanian Radio Romania Int.
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/frequency-change-of-telediffusion.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS. Dear DX-friends, AIR Port Blair is back on 4760 kHz after half a year of silence. Jose Jacob, India, told me, that they had received and installed new spare parts. Xinjiang, China can also be heard again on most of the usual winterfrequencies. Here are today's loggings from Skovlunde on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire. 73, Anker Petersen

4760.04, 1525-1535 19.11, INDIA, AIR, Port Blair (presumed) carrier with very weak signal after repair. Vernacular talk, 1530 English news - still heard at 1728, 15111 AP-DNK (via Giampiero Bernardini, playdx blog via DXLD) As always: not to be confused with AIR Leh, Kashmir, also on 4760 (gh)

[and non]. INDIA AIR outlets on 4760 kHz, Nov 14. Hallo a-dxer, heute gehen die AIR Stationen im 60 m Band an meinem Standort sehr gut. Besonders erwaehnenswert: 4760 kHz. Da war in den letzten Wochen nur ein schwacher Traeger auszumachen, untypisch fuer Port Blair, typischer fuer Leh outlet. Heute hoere ich AIR Port Blair in gewohnter Qualitaet mit S=9+5db, muesste in paar Stunden auch in Europa gehen. (Uwe Volk-Tha Mai-THA, CBG border location, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 14)

Heute Donnerstag 16. Nov. moin, moin, um 1550 UT Port Blair genau 4760.000 kHz in subcontinental accented Indian English S=8-9 strength, und auch noch ein schwaecherer String bei 4759.998 kHz seemingly AIR Leh Himalaya? (Wolfgang Bueschel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 16, BC-DX 18 Nov via DXLD)

AIR Port Blair 4760 kHz. During the last few days I am getting much better signals of AIR Port Blair on 4760 kHz. When I contacted the

station today, I was told that they have improved the transmitter lately with new spare parts (Jose Jacob, INDIA, VU2JOS, DXindia Nov 16 via BC-DX 18 Nov via DXLD)

** ANTARCTICA. Not a hint of a signal from 15476 Antarctica. 15 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

15476, LRA 36, Radio Nacional Arc·ngel San Gabriel, Base Esperanza, 2045-2052*, 14-11, Latin American songs, Spanish, comments. Very weak, only audible on USB. 15321. Also 2038-2047, 16-11, Extremely weak today, only carrier detected today.

Also *1800-1812 and 2045-2102* 17-11, only carrier detected at 1800 and at 2045 carrier and some Latin American songs audibles on USB. Extremely weak. 15321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 6 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. 6973.1 AM, PIRATE (SOUTH AMERICA). Radio Lupo (Argentina ñ Tentative), 0057, 11/14/17, in Spanish. Music, 0100 woman talking (indistinct), Latin style vocal by a woman, woman talking to a man with a few words of Spanish audible, indistinct music as the signal faded out. This was very poor. Iím not 100% sure this was Lupo although Iíve been seeing his signal for some time and he has been reported repeatedly on exactly this frequency in HF Underground (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin, Perseus, SDRPlay; Eton E1, Grundig Satellit 800, Tecsun PL 880, and various other portables; 42 meters dipole, 100í long wire, W6LVP loop, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA [non]. 5850, Nov 15 at 0711, RAE ATTW via WRMI in English now an hour ``earlier`` off DST, making me more likely to be awake for it and without all the competition at 0200. She is still plugging being able to listen to RAE in the USA via Audio Now on telephone! Rather than SW. Sounds like the same announcement they have been making for 6 months now, promising expansion to Canad·, MÈxico; Brasil in Portuguese. Gives the number only once; not a good promotional tactic: should be at least ten times to be sure everyone can get it copied.

9395, Nov 17 at 0200:30, RAE ATTW opening English giving the produxion date as Thursday Nov 16, so it`s on time. Previous hour carried VORW, and ID at hourtop.

7730 // 5850, UT Sat Nov 18 at 0717 and later, WRMI is playing World Music fill, VG ME style at the moment, instead of RAE ATTW in English,

which is supposed to air from UT Tue thru Sat during this hour. See also USA

11580, Monday Nov 20 at 1436, RAE via WRMI is in Japanese! Wrong playback? No, it`s just a clip of NHK TV`s 8K service, presumably amid the `Friday` DX Actuality program in Spanish repeated (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARMENIA. 9745, TWR (via Yerevan). Found with IS at 1256. 1300 M with ID and sked for 9410 (every Sat. at 1300) ending with îGod blessî seemingly indicating it was a closing ID announcement. Into English inspirational message and then religious pop music. Fairly good. 16 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** ARMENIA [or non]. Observations on Voice of Kurdistan (Denge Kurdistana)

November 9: on CJSC Yerevan Gavar MW 1395 kHz, s/on at 1800 UT \\ SW 7320 kHz (here with delayed signal) \\ 6115 kHz & same also at 1930.

November 10: on 1395 kHz s/on at 1800 UT but with two mixed sounds of talks in Farsi as on MW 1377 kHz from TWR and in Kurdish from VOK on SW 6155 & 7320 kHz.

Nov 11 at 1650 UT on SW 7320 kHz \\ MW 1350(!) kHz \\ 1395 kHz.

Nov 12 at 1600-1759 UT on SW 7320 \\ MW 1350 kHz, and at 1759 UT on MW 1350 kHz, mixed signal of VOK & TWR !!! both in Kurdish.

It seems all these transmissions on MW are test broadcasts (Rumen Pankov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 15, BC-DX 18 Nov via DXLD)

Good signal of TWR India via Yerevan on Nov 20:
1300-1315 on 9745 ERV 300 kW / 100 deg to SoAs English Mon-Sat
1435-1450 on 9745 ERV 300 kW / 100 deg to SoAs English Mon-Fri
Wrong frequency announcement: A17 9410, instead of B17 9745 kHz
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/good-signal-of-twr-india-via-yerevan-on.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 5045, Ozy Radio, 1126-1241, Nov 19. Several news segments; variety of Aussie songs; 1154 played one of my favorites, "Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport" by Rolf Harris and at 1236, just after the news, played "Stayin' Alive" by the Bee Gees, who indeed at one time did emigrate to Australia. A very rare day for me to hear Craig's

station so well. My audio of the Ozy music at
http://goo.gl/k7s95Y
(Ron Howard, San Francisco, at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Very frustrating. I can easily see the signal on the Perseus screen, but can never get any audio. In our town somewhere somethings kills 5-6 MHz at night. I have gone around the neighborhood with a portable SW radio. It is everywhere. Glad you get such good copy on it, Ron. Regards, (George, NJ3H, Stein, Redmond, Oregon USA, Kenwood TS-940S, Hustler 4BTV with 30m and 17m, Yaesu FT-1900R and FT-60R, SDRs: Perseus and Elad FDM-S2, Antenna: Wellbrook ALA1530AL-2, ibid.)

Hi George, My suggestion is to try to find a park (city, town, county, etc.) or other more remote location to do your DXing from. A quiet location is the only way to go! Surely you don't need to go to the ocean to find such a place. There maybe one locally if you look around for a nice secluded place.

Daily I drive to the beach, just to get away from all the killer background noise. Happiness is listening to SW with almost no local noise.

Years ago I lived and worked in Carmel, a small town south of Monterey. There was a parking lot near my office that was surrounded by small office buildings. I got to thinking that no one would be in the buildings at 4:30AM, when I wanted to SWL, so maybe there would be no electrical devices turned on then. So one day I went there early, before work, and ran my antenna to a small tree in the parking lot. Amazing! Had very low background noise, so I enjoyed listening before going to work. Really had some very enjoyable receptions in that fairly small parking lot. It's just a matter of exploring and keeping your eyes out for what might work. Good luck (Ron, San Francisco, ibid.)

** BAHRAIN. 9745, R. Bahrain. There at 2030 once the offending co-channel QRM station left. Much better and fairly decent, nice on brief peaks at 2105 with usual Arabic pop music. 2111:55 short canned jingle by W between songs but didnít sound like an ID. 15 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD)

Reception of Radio Bahrain, Nov 17:
1450 & 1810 on 9745 ABH 010 kW / non-dir to N/ME Arabic CUSB
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/reception-of-radio-bahrain-nov17.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 17, dxldyg via WORLD OF

RADIO 1905, DXLD)

[non]. ARMENIA(non), Good signal of TWR India via Yerevan on Nov 20:
1300-1315 on 9745 ERV 300 kW / 100 deg to SoAs English Mon-Sat
1435-1450 on 9745 ERV 300 kW / 100 deg to SoAs English Mon-Fri
Wrong frequency announcement: A17 9410, instead of B17 9745 kHz
(Ivo, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD)

** BANGLADESH. 15105, Bangladesh Betar, 1229, SIO-121, interval signal, woman with news in English at 1230 with mentions of Bangladesh but too weak to get much content, ID, played John Denver's Country Roads. 11/11 (Karl Racenis, MARE Tipsheet 17 Nov via DXLD)

15105, Bangladesh Betar with English News, ID at 1241 as ìExternal Service of Bangladesh Betarî into sub-continental music. OM Talx at 1247 into John Denver Country Roads & other familiarish pop tunes. YL announcements at 1259. 243+52+ some kind of ëroarí in the modulation? Or maybe DRM splatter? Hard to say & getting weaker as I listened. 1238-1300, 11/Nov, SPR-4 +longwire (Ken Zichi, MARE Brighton DXpedition, MARE Tipsheet 17 Nov via DXLD)

** BERMUDA. 2582-USB, Bermuda Harbour Radio, 0035 to 0043 two mentions of Bermuda by OM with weather information 18 November (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, noise reducing antenna, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** BIAFRA [non]. Captada ac· en Bogot· desde la 1934 a 2000 hrs UT, en 11530 kHz; buscando informaciÛn sobre esta emisora, encontrÈ esta reseÒa que confirma la reanudacion de transmisiones por onda corta. https://thewillnigeria.com/news/radio-biafra-returns-resumes-daily-broadcast/

Buenos DX (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot· D.C - COLOMBIA, Nov 12, condiglista yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD) Viz.:

RADIO BIAFRA RETURNS; RESUMES DAILY BROADCAST
By David Oputah - November 11, 2017

BEVERLY HILLS, November 11, (THEWILL) ñ After a lull of a few months, during which Nigerian security agencies breathed an air of relief, there are incontrovertible indications that the clandestine Radio Biafra will resume activities Sunday November.

The rogue radio station is the mouth piece of Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) led by Nnamdi Kanu whose whereabouts is unknown following a clamp down on his family home in Abia state by the military under operation Python Dance.

THEWILL gathered exclusively that the radio will continue to broadcast

from London, England, ostensibly to escape the reach of Nigeriaís security agencies who will track it down without much effort if it was based in Nigeria.

The information circulating within the IBOP circle recently has pointed to the feverish plans and concerted efforts to reactivate the Radio Biafra and make its voice heard again to prove that the despite the security agenciesí show of strength recently during the Operation Python Dance and the like, that IPOB is not as dead as it appears.

THEWILL checks further revealed that the broadcast will from Sunday be on air from 6 am to 7 am on 7240 KHZ, 41 meter-band, short wave and in the evenings from 8pm to 9pm on 11530 KHZ on 25 meter band.

Facebook Comments 1 comments
Alphonsus Uche Okafor-Mefor London, United Kingdom
Daft more dafter and most daftest of all. You bunch of cash and carry roadside journalists are the ones actually waking up from dead as Radio Biafra has been on and will continue to be. shameless losers!
Like Reply Nov 12, 2017 10:27pm (via DXLD)

From THEWILL, searching on Radio Biafra, more stories, the first one here from one day later (and why are these datelined Beverly Hills, or San Francisco, of all places?):

https://thewillnigeria.com/news/radio-biafra-returns-sacks-nnamdi-kanu-as-ipob-leader/

Radio Biafra Returns, Sacks Nnamdi Kanu As IPOB Leader
By THEWILL_ -
November 12, 2017

SAN FRANCISCO, November 12, (THEWILL) ñ Security agencies were in a frenzy of activities in Abuja from early Sunday when Radio Biafra, the controversial mouthpiece of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) returned to the airwaves with a 6.am to 7.am broadcast announcing the shocking sack of Mazi Nnamdi Kanu as IPOB leader.

That announcement sacking Kanu was exactly what kept the security agencies worried, because it could mean that another arm of IPOB may have mutated just as IPOB mutated from Raph Uwazuruikeís Movement for the Actualization of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB).

A top national security source told THEWILL thus: ìAll had been quiet on the IPOB front recently. The organization has been receding from the public consciousness as many Igbo people began to openly talk against the separation and disunity agenda of IPOB. The Federal Government has been reaching out to the South-East and their State

Governors have taken a hard stand against IPOB accusing the organization of pursuing anti-Igbo interests; now comes this totally new and unexpected developmentî.

At the height of the IPOB controversy the national unity was greatly tasked when Northern youths issued Igbo people resident in the North a quit notice.

The radioís programme started with the lady announcer who gave her name as Ifeoma Okorafor, stating that the radio was back on air and IPOB was restructuring. She then announced that ìMazi Nnamdi Nwanekaenyi Kanu, the former Director of Radio Biafra is hereby dismissed and removed as Director of Radio Biafra following extensive and intensive consultationsî. She named ìMazi Ezenwachukwu Sampson Okwudili as Kanuís replacement.î

Kanu has not been seen publicly since he fled Abia State after the military raided his family compound some months back.

The reasons the Radio Biafra announcer gave for Kanuís removal included:

(A) Personalization of the Biafran struggle and derailing from the core objectives of IPOB as a grassroots movement.

(B) Kanuís actions and his decisions to incite members of IPOB towards violence leading to the death of many innocent young people in Onitsha, Aba and Umuahia is totally unacceptable and grossly irresponsible.

(C) Kanu privately collected £14m and another $22m to purchase landed properties abroad in his name and that of his father Igwe Israel Kanu in a clear case of monkey dey work baboon dey chop.

(D) Kanu turned our collective struggle into a money-making enterprise for himself and his father. Thus the monies contributed by enterprising and hard-working Igbo youths across the world are being collected and converted by one man and his father while pretending to be sacrificing for the cause.

(E) Upon his release from detention in April 2017, one expected Kanu to drum up support for the release of his colleagues and co-detainees such as Chidiebere Onwudiwe, Benjamin Madubugwu and David Nwawuisi. These are our brothers who were arrested at the same time with him and they should not be forgotten. We hereby demand their release. Kanu, since his release, has never spoken about them or appealed for the release of these our freedom fighters. Instead, he has been going about collecting chieftaincy titles and having a messianic swagger

that even allowed full-blooded Igbomen to kneel down and kiss his feet.

(F) Kanu threw away the original meaning of our collective struggle for personal gain and vain glorification. IPOB believes in democracy as a solid base of any modern state, the rule of law, and will always reject violence in all its ramifications.

The security agencies do not as yet know what to make of this new development in IPOB.

The sack of Mazi Kanu is only the latest change in the checkered history of Radio Biafra, which began as the mouthpiece of MASSOB. It later announced the sacking of MASSOB founder, Uwazuruike as its Director and MASSOB leader and replaced him with Uchenna Madu ìin the task of chasing down and overcoming the enemies of Biafraî according to a statement signed by Uche Mefore as the radioís Deputy Director.

Nnamdi Kanu himself would also distance himself and his deputy, Uche Mefor, when Radio Biafra began to broadcast from the US, after Nigeria jammed its signals from Britain.

Now, those behind this latest incarnation of Radio Biafra would obviously not have sought Kanuís permission; it actually sacked him in its first broadcast. But the security agencies are not rejoicing because, as a source put it ìthe saying that the devil you know is better than the angel you do not know is particularly true in security circles. See it this way; Kanu had issued an order that the people of Anambra state should boycott the gubernatorial elections and people told him he was talking nonsense. That was the end of his moral authority. Now we have to return to the drawing board to learn about those behind this latest development. Itís frustrating.î

Facebook Comments 0 comments

And a bunch more in reverse chrono order; I`ll not pull out the direct linx here but you can reach them via the search page: (gh) https://thewillnigeria.com/news/?s=radio+biafra

Nigerian security agencies breathed an air of relief, there are...
UK Contradicts Lai Mohammed, Say Nigeria Didnít Ask That Radio Biafra Be Shut Down
David Oputah -
September 22, 2017
BEVERLY HILLS, September 22, (THEWILL) - The United Kingdom has denied any knowledge of a request from Nigeria to shut down Radio Biafra, run by Nnamdi...

FG Traces IPOBís Sources Of Funding To France, Blames UK For Radio Biafra
Mustapha Bagudu -
September 21, 2017
SAN FRANCISCO, September 21, (THEWILL) - The Federal Government has identified France as the country where the Indigenous People of Biafra, IPOB, gets bulk...

Kanu Restructures IPOB, Disowns American-Based Radio Biafra
David Oputah -
May 16, 2017
BEVERLY HILLS, May 16, (THEWILL) - The leader of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), Nnamdi Kanu, has announced a restructuring in the...

Radio Biafra Is Back On Air
THEWILL_ -
April 1, 2016
BEVERLY HILLS, April 01, (THEWILL) ñ The station dedicated to the ëstruggleí by the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) is currently streaming live across...

NBC Shuts Radio Biafra, Confiscates Equipment, Detain Suspects
THEWILL_ -
July 18, 2015
BEVERLY HILLS, July 18, (THEWILL) ñ The National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) said Friday that it had effectively neutralised the illegal broadcasts from the seditious...

FG Says It Has Jammed Radio Biafra Signals, Not True ñ Station
THEWILL_ -
July 15, 2015
SAN FRANCISCO, July 14, (THEWILL) ñ The Federal Government said on Tuesday that it has blocked the transmission signals of Radio Biafra, which has been...

OPINION: OF RADIO BIAFRA AND THE URGENCY OF NOW
THEWILL_ -
July 14, 2015
It is no more a hidden secret that since the last election that brought in President Muhammadu Buhari to power, discordant tunes have become...

Ignore Radio Biafra, NBC Tells Public
THEWILL_ -
June 27, 2015
The National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) Friday urged the public to ignore radio Biafra, saying the station has been broadcasting seditious contents illegally. In a statement...

And that`s only the first page of 13; however, some of further hits may have less to do with the radio in particular (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11530, Nov 15 at 1859, WRMI ID by Biermann, and then --- music fill immediately from 1900 and at further random chex during the hour, 1911, 1944, instead of Voice of Biafra. What`s wrong? What`s next? Summarizing, here`s what has happened so far with this transmission:
Sun Nov 12, discovered in progress with VOB announcements
Mon Nov 13, repeated same hour
Tue Nov 14, nothing heard at UTwente
Wed Nov 15, on air but replaced by music
Thu Nov 16, ??? TBA

As for the 0500 broadcast, Ivo Ivanov also reports music fill:
``SWLDXBulgaria News, November 15-16 (publications ?11286-?11300)
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/reception-of-radio-biafra-via-tdf.html
BIAFRA (non) Reception of Radio Biafra via TDF Issoudun, Nov 16:
0500-0600 on 7240 ISS 100 kW / 170 deg to WeAf English, good and
not parallel 11530 YFR 100 kW / 087 deg to WeAf Music via WRMI tx``

11530, Nov 16 at 1858, another check for R. Biafra via WRMI ñ OFF the air, no signal past 1903 and at 1923 recheck. Yesterday was on but music fill instead. At least we have the recording I made on Sunday. Has it been canceled? NO:

Other scheduled broadcast is at 0500-0600, so I check that on Nov 17 from 0509 for the rest of the hour: VOB is back on 11530 in English, S7-S9, and a weaker 7240 via France. (By comparison, WRMIBS 11580 is S2-S3.) It appears to be the same programming as originally heard Nov 12 and 13: ``Radio Biafra, broadcasting from London``, YL and OM alternately repeating the SW schedule multiple times, every few minutes: 05-06 7240 & 11530, 19-20 11530. They never mention sites such as France and Florida.

But there is a slight change: at 0510, the OM version adds another frequency for the 8 pm (19z) broadcast, 9520 (not 100% sure but after 3 or 4 times, I think that`s it, or maybe 9530). Latest HFCC Nov 17 does not show anything on either during that hour. Will it be WRMI too or somewhence else? Will 11530 still be off? MUST check for 9520 at 1900 Nov 17. YL also repeats the text number for reception reports. At 0530, I give 11530 a generous rating of SINPO 25322.

7240 is hard to match for sure to 11530 and may not be synchronized, separate playout and/or satellite delay. At 0550 there is a het about 7240.4 but that could be ham rather than jam; then as it fades up slightly, I am hearing a hum much closer to 7240 and wonder if it`s

one of the defective Issoudun transmitters.

11530 at 0558 starts playing a song in Spanish, which I assume is WRMI fill after Biafra; 0559:30 Zanotti, and as before, cut off the air before his canned ID can completely utter the e-mail address.

7240 is still on air at 0600 and hummy, altho nothing else is in HFCC schedule.

(7254.94, meanwhile at 0603 Nov 17, Voice of Nigeria is much huger, S9+30 in Hausa; BTW, VON is obviously biased against Biafra, nothing in Igbo, per WRTH, Fulfulde their only other African language, not even Yoruba!). (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Biafra This Afternoon --- As checked using the U. Twente SDR receiver, WRMI powered up the 11530 kHz transmitter at about 1858 UT this afternoon and ran the "regular programming will begin shortly" (or words to that effect) audio loop for a couple of minutes. At about 1900, the Radio Biafra program began. Quite a noisy signal into Europe so difficult to make out much. Perhaps it's better on the African continent.

P.S. WRMI on 11580 kHz (with Bro. Stair talking about his financial difficulties with the satellite uplink cost) at the same time is significantly stronger (S9 + 10 dB vs S7 to S8). (-- Richard Langley, Nov 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11530, Nov 17 at *1857, WRMI cuts on with IS & ID prÈlude as also heard on some other frequencies before hourtop openings, VG averaging S8, not even needing external antenna on the PL-880. (Again this is quite stronger than the nearby WRMIBS 11580.)

That allows me to run the NRD on 9520-9530, the additional frequency I heard on part of the announcements during the 05-06 UT broadcast on 11530 WRMI, and 7240 France. BUT nothing on either; there is a VP carrier on 9540, could that be it? But goes off at 1901* --- that would be Egypt in Italian per HFCC, so it`s also probably under/non-modulated.

The 11530 programming by ``Radio Biafra, broadcasting from London`` is much like the other days with repetitions of the schedule every few minutes, along with some nice African music, but less in the way of significant programming. A bit of music first, sked announcement by YL without the 9 MHz frequency. At 1904 the YL & OM in language, Igbo? About the imminent elexion Nov 18 in Anambra state, ``where to vote``.

There is not a Biafra state in today`s Nigeria; there have been several changes in states and boundaries since independence. Current

maps show Anambra in south central Nigeria, adjacent to Enugu state, whose city I believe was the capital of Biafra. At 1909, ``important announcement`` by OM in English with too-heavy accent, go out and vote on Saturday; and remember, we are not violent.

At 1910 he does the schedule announcement for the first time during this broadcast, and the extra one is clearly 9-5-8-0. Address radiobiafra@gmail.com and also refs to FB and Twitter.

I immediately go to 9580 on the other receiver, but it`s a JBA carrier at first, S1-S2, trace of modulation, and even ECSS will not stay locked on it. Site is certainly not WRMI, and if it`s France, no comparison to another European, such as Spain good on 9690 but which is beamed USward.

Back on 11530, at 1915 the YL ID in Igbo, but pronounces the numbers in English (don`t they have number names in Igbo??), without 9580. 1917 OM mentions IPOB in Igbo. Now comparing, I think maybe barely audible 9580 is // but running maybe half a minute behind.

At 1924 the ``9580`` announcement again, and enough for me as it`s time for lunch and the programming is getting very repetitive. However, first I program 11530 into the caradio for convenient monitoring there (and 11735 Zanzibar while I`m at it. I guess it still has 9580 memorized for ex-Australia.)

9580 is in fact a WRMI registered frequency in A-17 and still B-17, but never used, despite my suggestion that WRMI should relay RA whether ABC like it or not; but obviously chosen in tribute to defunct Radio Australia during exactly the same hours it had run, 09-21 UT. Maybe that`s why RMI chose it as available for this via some other site. But most of its business is with Issoudun.

Also HFCC-registered on 9580 are two Sa`udis in Arabic: 17-22 50 kW ND from Jeddah; and 18-23 500 kW, 270 degrees from Riyadh. If either of those be real, bad for Biafra, but hardly any signal over here. The more realistic EiBi sked does not show Saudis on 9580 at all, nor anything else during this hour. Aoki/NDXC however goes with Jeddah.

What about this, from WRMI website itself? The Programming page does not include the word Biafra anywhere on it, tho still displays long-defunct shows such as Informativo G24. Nothing new on WRMI FB either. The WRMI skedgrid http://www.tinyurl.com/WRMIfqs still is blank during both hours for transmitters 3 and 10 which are labeled 11530, nor any other transmitter (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FRANCE/USA [to Biafra state in Nigeria] / TURKEY
7240.020, TRT Emirler Voice of Turkey English service towards Near &

Middle East target. At 0446 UT Nov 18 their English schedule given lengthy, fqs, target, times, S=9+5dB here in Germany. At 0448 UT said "Good Bye", when tuned-in again at 0455 UT was off then.

7240 even TDF Issoudun exciter visible around 0459:00 UT, but full power drive up signal joined the screen TX-on-air at 0459:50 Nov 18.

Radio Biafra, "broadcasting from London..." is RMI FMO brokered, requested in HFCC database from Nov 11. Started program at 0500:10 UT with guitar string like music. Few times given full schedule by female voice like at 0503:35 UT, 5-6 UT 7240 and 11530 kHz, and "8-9 pm local" on 11530 kHz in evening. Also phone # ? given as 234810617787 ...

In western Europe 7240 kHz was S=9+10 in Liverpool, S=9+15dB in Belgium, Bavaria Germany, Grenoble, France. S=8 signal at best in NJ-US east coast, but poor at S=6 in Detroit Michigan SDR unit.

Re 11530 kHz RMI Okeechobee TX#4 relay, old fashioned horizontal rhombic antenna in use, 'small 87degrees azimuth' angle though, JBA on threshold in western Europe, only S=2 or -108dBm in the poor. S=4 -98dBm JBA threshold at best in Grenoble France unit. S=5 tiny poor signal in remote Detroit MI.

RMI Florida horizontal rhombic masts visible at
G.C. 27 27'19.41"N 80 55'40.44"W
in Google Maps visible see <https://goo.gl/maps/qkMerk7h4TA2>
(Wolfgang B¸schel, Nov 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Looking at the WRMI transmitter/antenna-field-layout, transmitter #7 and transmitter #10 can connect to the 87 Africa beam double rumboid. So, one of these combinations is likely being used. And I guess it's supplying a decent signal off the back lobe for stateside listeners to hear it (-- Richard Langley, Nov 18, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, I'm not able aware, which real tx# can be connected to the 87degr angle antenna. I've no real database on hand. 73 wolfie
(Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks, Wolfie. And thanks. Glenn, for catching my spelling mistake. I should know better. 73 ñ (Richard

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11530, Nov 18 at 1857, WRMI IS & ID loop, S9+10 to S8 (while 11580

WRMIBS is S9-S7). 1900 tune and YL opening Radio Biafra Broadcasting from London, shortly the 3-frequency schedule lacking 9580 which the OM sometimes mentions for this transmission. I check 9580 too and only a JJBA carrier; no more time to listen today. I`m surprised that apparently no one in Europe has checked for RBBFL on 9580, or whatever may really be occupying it at this hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11530 RMI, 1900 UT Nov 18 --- hello Glenn, the horizontal log-periodic antenna at 87degrees to Africa is small azimuth band.

RMI Florida horizontal rhombic masts visible at
G.C. 27 degr 27 19.41 N 80 degr 55 40.44 W
in Google Maps visible see
<https:\\goo.gl/maps/qkMerk7h4TA2>

All time we have only a S=6-7 noisy signal here in Germany. But even in backlobe Edmonton Alberta location signal is much better, like S=9+10dB today at 1905 UT. Listen to recording of Germany location record, and from 00.55 m/s onwards short piece of Alberta Canada recording.

I think in central and west Africa, Sahel Sahara zone, up to Chad etc. the signal is much, much stronger. In KiwiSDR server net signal of 11530 on Canary Isl/Tenerife and in Lisbon Portugal access, the signals are also very disappointing. But KiwiSDR is only a hobby toy. 73 wolfy (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

why unknown 9580 kHz ??? at night outlet ? the lady on 11530 told only a S I N G L E frequency of 11530, never heard 9580. 73 (wolfie Nov 20, ibid.)

Tonight, the signal is VERY STRONG in Twente [S9 +30 or close to], female announcer reading frequencies, 7240 in 41mB and 11530 in 25mB. Nothing on 7240, much weaker // signal on 11530. 11580 seems to be Bruder Treppe, stronger than 11530 but much weaker than 9580. So 9580 very likely to be Euro-Relay. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, 1911 UT Nov 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

``Tonight, the signal is VERY STRONG in Twente [S9 +30 or close to], female announcer reading frequencies, 7240 in 41mB and 11530 in 25Mb``

At a quick check this seems so far to be the only content of this stunt: These frequency announcements for "Radio Biafra, broadcasting from London", alternating in presumed Igbo and heavily accented, in fact broken English. Of course (and indeed!) not the real Radio Biafra which can be heard, right now with a phone conversation in usual style, via

http://app.tvipob.co:1935/radio/Radio1/playlist.m3u8

And indeed 9580, which gets a quite crappy feed, is very strong. Definitely no transmitter in the western hemisphere, as an often quoted source speculates.

``11580 seems to be Bruder Treppe``

Who for its part is much, much stronger on 11600, registered as Kostinbrod which would have to use the webstream in case MX1 (his eastern hemisphere uplinker, now a subsidiary of SES) pulls really the plug on him (Kai Ludwig, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Jeff, I listened to the early part of Radio Biafra today after 19 UT on 11530. FYI there was an irregular ``chuffing`` sound averaging about 2 times per second. This was heard first on my car radio, but not heard on other frequencies, and also heard on this frequency when I checked on a portable radio outside the car (11580 and 11825 were not doing it). So apparently a problem with the 11530 transmitter; which XMTR # is it, by the way? Still does not show on your schedule grid for either transmission. 73, (Glenn to Jeff White, Nov 20, via DXLD) no reply

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Poor signal of Radio Biafra London in 31 & 25 mb on Nov 19
1900-2000 9580 unknown tx / unknown to WeAf English, not via TDF/ISS
1900-2000 11530 YFR 100 kW / 087 deg to WeAf English, via WRMI tx#10?
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/poor-signal-of-radio-biafra-london-in.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1043 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Nov.20, 2017 via DXLD)

** BIAFRA [non]. 9580, Nov 19 at 1909, R. Biafra via unknown site, after a JBA carrier here, I get a little more via UTwente SDR. Main frequency 11530 WRMI is good as usual on my radio. 9580 is VP at UTwente, but sounds like same programming of music alternating with announcements by YL; at 1911 it`s the OM, the only one who mentions the ``31 meter band`` 9580 in schedule announcements. 1913 back to YL voice. On UTwente, I A/B the two frequencies, and believe it or not, poor as it is, 9580 is better than 11530 (and 11580, WRMI aimed right at Europe is no better). I`ve asked Jeff where 9580 is coming from. There is no sign of anything else, such as listed Saudi Arabians. Possibly 9580 is still Issoudun, but skipping over UTwente, too close and way offbeam. But if so, Ivo should be getting it OK. Wolfgang

Bueschel, Germany does not hear 9580 at all (Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FRANCE Checked Radio Biafra, 9580 kHz at 1900 UT {here for the first time}. Yes, - according signal strength observation and propagation is tentatively both RMI FMO organized by Mr. Jeff White as

7240 kHz 05-06 UT TDF ISS 100 kW 170degrees towards 46S,47N,47SW,52NW same at
9580 kHz 19-20 UT TDF ISS 100 kW 170degrees towards 46S,47N,47SW,52NW.

[but the second one still not registered at all in Jeff`s HFCC --- gh]

Due of dead skip zone nearby in Europe only less than fair S=6-7 or -88dBm strength - or less - here in England, Belgium and Germany,

but far away in Doha Qatar S=9 or -74dBm strength on 9580 kHz, Biafra ID at 1903 UT. TX on air 1859:40 UT, fluttery signal in Europe.

I guess powerhouse down on Equator in Sahel, Sahara, Nigeria as S=9+30 to +40dB powerful.

But poor signals noted in NoAmerica east coastline on 9580 kHz in FL, MI and NJ-USA remotes only S=4, compared to 31mb RMI 9395 and 9955 kHz who are S=9+30dB at least instead. 73 wb df5sx, (Wolfgang B¸schel, Nov 21, dxldyg via DXLD)

11530, Nov 20 at 1904, R. Biafra Broadcasting from London, good via WRMI, with a prayer in presumed Igbo language, ends with ``amen``. But there was a problem, as I wrote Jeff White later [above].

A quick check at 1900 UT Nov 21 finds 11530 OK without the chuffing. But I`m busy recording WORLD OF RADIO Tuesday afternoon, so later I find Biafra show on a WRMI server, under a different name, and listen to the opening via that. Now there appears to be a regular invocation a few minutes after start, in Igbo, guy mentioning Jehova, Jesus Christ, and concluding with Amen. Apparently Biafran = Christian, or else. Then the now-head of IPOB endorses in English the Anambra State elexion Nov 18, which he concludes was legitimate (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 3310, Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba, 2330 on 16 November noted with good signal; 0000 vocalist, then 0007 om en Quechua to 0020. 19 November (Bob Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach FL, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** BOTSWANA. 4930, VoA ñ Mopeng Hill (presumed site,) 0205, 11/17/17, in English. End of news with mention of voanews.com, ID, start of a music program. Fair (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin, Perseus,

SDRPlay; Eton E1, Grundig Satellit 800, Tecsun PL 880, and various other portables; 42 meters dipole, 100í long wire, W6LVP loop, NASWA Flashsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD)

4930, Nov 19 at 0228, music at S5-S7 where normally there is nothing. VOA should start at 0300, as confirmed by HFCC: ``4930 0300 0600 53,57 BOT 100 20 0 750 1234567 291017 240318 D 4930 Eng BOT IBB IBB 376`` At 0230 quick announcement by YL DJ, sounds like Hyper Heather, but presumably not Music Time in Africa. So why is BOT relay on this early? Even in easternmost Africa it`s before 6 am local. Of course, possibly it could be some other IBB site for this pre-hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi, Broadcasting 24 hrs. due to situation in Zimbabwe?? 24 hrs ?? VOA 4930 BOT Ron San Francisco (via wb, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD)

[and non] Thanks Ron, BOTSWANA/KUWAIT/SAO TOME

VoA English Zimbabwe Special 23 hrs daily.

2100-0300 909BOT 4930BOT
0300-0400 usual all 909BOT 1530SAO 4930BOT 6080SAO 15580KWT
0400-0500 909BOT 4930BOT 6080SAO 15580KWT
0500-1400 909BOT 4930BOT 6080SAO 15580SAO
1400-1500 909BOT 4930BOT 6080SAO 15580BOT 17885BOT
1500-1600 909BOT 4930BOT 6080SAO 7455BOT 15580BOT 17895SAO
1600-1700 909BOT 4930BOT 15580BOT
1700-1730 909BOT 4930BOT 13590KWT 15580BOT
1730-1800 909BOT 4930BOT 15580BOT
1800-1900 909BOT 4930BOT 13860SAO 15460SAO 15580BOT
1900-1930 909BOT 4930BOT 15580BOT
1930-2000 909BOT 4930BOT 13590SAO 15580BOT
2000-2100 909BOT 4930BOT 6195BOT 15580BOT
73 wb df5sx (B¸schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD) Source??

4930 Botswana, VOA. Selebi Phikwe. Nov 21, 2017 Tuesday. 1010-1107. Music and songs followed by world news at 1100. Back to music at 1105. Poor, at times around noise level. Special for Zim crisis? The programming seems irrelevant to political events in Zimbabwe. Nothing heard on 909, not even a carrier, hardly surprising in broad daylight.

15580, S„o TomÈ, VOA. Pinheira. Nov 21, 2017 Tuesday. 1110-1126. Programming // 4930 Botswana, but better (fair) reception. Nothing heard on 6080. Joíburg sunset 1638. "Studio 7" for Zimbabwe started at 1200 (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA. Drake R8E, Sony ICF2001D. dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOTSWANA. 9825, Nov 19 at 0251, S7-S4 open carrier; presumably IBB

warming up for 0300-0330 Arabic, despite CRI Chinese via Kashgar scheduled until 0300 but inaudible here. As Aoki/NDXC clarifies, but not HFCC, it`s really the Hello Darfur service (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOTSWANA [and non]. 17700, Nov 20 at 1548, VP signal from algo, OOFSOB. EiBi shows it is VOA Hausa at 1500-1600 (Sat/Sun to 1530 only). Besides the bigsigs from Cuba and KVOH on 17730 & 17775, the only other carrier detectable on 16m at this time is JBA 17660, which would be Saudi in French (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOTSWANA. USA, 21 November at 2000 UT - VoA is broadcasting a special programme concerning Zimbabwe in a local language on 6195 Hz via Botswana in place of usual African Beat English programming (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4875.21, Brasil, Rdif. Roraima, Boa Vista RR, 0030 vocalist in Portuguese, good signal to 0100 on 18 November (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, noise reducing antenna, NASWA yg via DXLD) Yes, always off+frequency (gh, DXLD)

4875, Radiodifusora Roraima ñ Boa Vista (Presumed), 0128, 11/18/17, in Portuguese. Mellow contemporary Brasilian music with man announcer into a long talk by a woman. Fair. Usually Roraima is barely audible here (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin, Perseus, SDRPlay; Eton E1, Grundig Satellit 800, Tecsun PL 880, and various other portables; 42 meters dipole, 100í long wire, W6LVP loop, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4885.04, R Clube do Par·, BelÈm, PA, 0315-0320, 17.11. Portuguese talk. 35343 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

4885, R·dio Clube do Par· ñ BelÈm, 0230, 11/19/17. I put on Par· earlier while I was doing something else for background music, and noticed an old rock and roll tune which turned into a half hour of Portuguese covers of Rockabilly tunes with a male announcer. 0200 ID and into more typical Brasilian ballad. Good reception tonight. It shows me that one can still be pleasantly surprised by what is on shortwave (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin, Perseus, SDRPlay; Eton E1, Grundig Satellit 800, Tecsun PL 880, and various other portables; 42 meters dipole, 100í long wire, W6LVP loop, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4885, Radiodifusora Acreana, RÌo Branco, 0610-0716, 12-11, Brazilian songs, male, Portuguese, comments, ID "AM 1400 kHz, ondas curtas 4885 kHz, Radiodidusora Acreana, uma emissora da Rede P˙blica de ComunicaÁ„o do Acre", 35433. No Radio Clube on air (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 6 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 6010, R·dio InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte, 0720-0728, 14-11, Portuguese, comments, Brazilian songs, ID "InconfidÍncia". 14321. Also 2137-2148,14-11, "A Voz do Brasil". 13321. Also 0720-0745, 16-11, Brazilian songs, Portuguese, comments, ID "InconfidÍncia". 25322.

9515, R·dio Marumby, Curitiba, 2118-2131, 17-11, "A Voz do Brasil". 15321.

9550, R·dio Boa Vontade, Porto Alegre, 2145-2143, 13-11, "A Voz do Brasil". 13321.

10000, Time Signal Station ObservatÛrio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro, 0729-0735, 14-11, Time signals, female voice announcements: "ObservatÛrio Nacional, 5 horas, 29 minutes, 40 segundos". 24322.

15190, R·dio InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte, 2136-2147, 14-11, "A Voz do Brasil". 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 6 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 6935.20-LSB, Nov 19 at 0217, JBA sounds Brazuguese; then cuts on and off a much stronger speaker surely in Brazuguese, a pirate net? Here is a similar log from Sept 27 in the HFU Peskie sexion: https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,37617.0.html

In this entire board could also be found some like the unID 2-ways in Spanish INTRUDERS I have been catching (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Agradecimento e ·udio --- Glenn Hauser, AgradeÁo por ter divulgado a Rodada dos Radioescutas. Para que possa ter uma idÈia como ela se realiza a seguir o Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G76Esz2B58g&feature=youtu.be

Com esta rodada pretendemos manter vivo o interesse pela escuta do r·dio em ondas curtas, estimular experiÍncias com antenas, equipamentos e conhecimentos a respeito do r·dio. Encontramos uma fÛrmula dos radioescutas participarem atr·s do Grupo Rodada dos Radioescutas, em tempo real. Forte abraÁo (Ulysses Galletti, Nov 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11780. Nov 17, 2017 at 1355-1415, R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia, BrasÌlia-DF, in Portuguese. Man talks and music; 1400 ID; Man says: "Meio Dia, hora de BrasÌlia (DSTime)", and next, man and woman announcers present a Newsletter "RepÛrter Nacional". RNA returns on-air after recovery transmitters, still in experimental phase, 35433.

11780. Nov 17, 2017 at 1830-1840, R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia, BrasÌlia-DF, in Portuguese. Female presenter in conversation with a listener; Reading messages and a conversation, by phone, with many listeners. RNA presents a fair signal and poor modulation this time, 35432. Greetings, (Jota Xavier, PB, Receiver(s): Degen DE1103 & Tecsun S-2000. radioescutas yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD)

[and non]. 11780, Nov 19 at 2135, NO signal, not even a JBA carrier here, my first chance to check out this report a bit earlier from Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Log in Lugo: ``BRAZIL, 11780, R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia, 2045-2101, 19-11, Portuguese, soccer, live matches. Very weak. 14321``.

Thus it may be back on a very irregular and low-power basis, to avoid losing license by a deadline sometime in December. Later chex into UT Nov 20 still find no RNA on 11780, nor on other frequency 6180 (but a JBA carrier there at 2257: Aoki shows that would be CRI Kunming between Chinese and Cantonese hours). (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED, 11780.012, UNID signal here 2055 while looking for reported reactivation of R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia, till carrier cut at 2200:45 on 20 November. Audio too weak to identify the language. Monitored again 21 November at 2035 with audio slightly improved though still unreadable and didn't seemed to have the intonation I would expect from a Brazilian speaker. Looking back through my log I see that I logged RNA on 11780.03 in June 2015 and 11780.01 in August 2016 (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai NZ, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA [and non]. Shortwave Radiogram, 18-19 Nov -- Shortwave Radiogram this weekend is mostly in the usual MFSK32, but one news story is transmitted first in 8PSK-500F (1690 wpm) and then in 8PSK-1000F (3386 wpm). These modes are probably too fast for HF, but we'll try it anyway. Details and schedule:

http://swradiogram.net/post/167598577657/shortwave-radiogram-18-19-november-2017-fast

Here is the lineup for Shortwave Radiogram, program 22, 18-19 November 2017, all in MFSK32 except where noted:

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 1:29  Program preview
 2:24  2017 Freedom of the Net report*
12:10  What countries fight hardest for the climate?*
21:56 8PSK-500F and 8PSK-1000F experiment
22:58  MFSK32: Image* and closing announcements*
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* with image

Patch audio from your radio to your PC, or place the radio's speaker
near the mic, and use Fldigi from w1hkj.com to decode text and images.
Any shortwave radio, including a portable with no SSB, can be used
(Kim Elliott, Nov 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. SECRETLAND, Bible Voice Broadcasting via SPL Secretbrod,
Nov 20
1701-1801 on 9400 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Persian
1710-1745 on 5995 SCB 050 kW / 126 deg to N/ME Arabic Tue/Thu/Fri
1710-1730 on 5995 SCB 050 kW / 126 deg to N/ME Arabic Mon/Wed
1715-1745 on 5995 SCB 050 kW / 126 deg to N/ME Arabic Sat
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/bible-voice-broadcasting-via-spl.html

BVBroadcasting Dardasha 7 via SPL Secretbrod, Nov 20
1745-1800 on 5995 SOF 050 kW / 195 deg to EaAf Arabic
1915-1930 on 5900 SCB 050 kW / 126 deg to N/ME Arabic
1931-1946 on 9400 SCB 100 kW / 195 deg to EaAf Arabic
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/bvbroadcasting-dardasha-7-via-spl.html

Reception of End Times Coming ETC Radio via SPL Secretbrod, Nov 20:
1900-1930 on 9400 SCB 100 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English Ex-Catholics
For Christ, good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/reception-of-end-times-coming-etc-
radio.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 20, dxldyg via DXLD)
See also ERITREA [non]

** CAMBODIA [and non]. STATEMENT BY CEO LANSING ON THE ARREST OF
FORMER RFA JOURNALISTS --- November 17, 2017
Yeang Sothearin, centre, is led away. The charges he and his colleague
face carry long jail terms. KT/Mai Vireak [caption]

Two former Radio Free Asia (RFA) employees, former chief photographer
Uon Chhin and former office manager Sothearin Yeang, have been
detained by Cambodian authorities. Both worked in RFA's Phnom Penh
bureau, which closed in September when the network was forced to
suspend its in-country operations. We hope they will be released
unharmed and immediately to their families.

It is being reported that the two are being held under suspicion of
continuing to work for RFA, despite the network's suspension of
operations in Cambodia and the fact that their relationships with RFA,
contractual or otherwise, discontinued in September.

While these continuing acts of intimidation are meant to instill fear,
they only underscore the BBG's support for our networks and

journalists, including those at RFA and Voice of America, and our resolve to continue providing the Cambodian people with unbiased, objective news.

Press freedom is a basic human right and should be a universal priority. When we lose independent voices, we run the risk of conceding the information space to hostile regimes, extremists, and rogues (RFA PR via Dr Hansjoerg Biener, 17, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD)

Cambodia reverting to the Pol Pot genocide era? (gh, DXLD)

** CAMBODIA [non]. 12150, CLANDESTINE, V. of Khmer MíChas Srok (via Tashkent) (presumed). Signal at 1130 but way too weak. Finally audio by 1147 with traditional vocal music, then M announcer and what sounded like a phonedñin report by M with horrible audio at 1152. Gave up at 1154. 16 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** CANADA. 1540 CHIN --- At 1330 [CST? = 1930 UT; EST? = 1830 UT] they are making their first daytime appearance this year. Last season they were in at high noon about 10 times (Todd Skaine, Bloomington MN, Nov 17, ABDX via DXLD) Toronto, In Chinese? (gh, DXLD)

** CANADA. International Radio Report --- Hi, Glenn, for the first time, I listened to the International Radio Report, with Sheldon Harvey, on CKUT. After you mentioned it on WOR, I decided to listen. I had not tried the CKUT web site. Some of these web sites are just too hard to navigate with the talking software. however, since I got the Amazon Echo Dot, it is very easy to bring up radio stations, and I tried CKUT.

During the whole hour, they never even mentioned their e-mail address. faceBook, YouTube, and all that fancy stuff I donít know how to use. I would like to e-mail them. if you can give me the e-mail address for the program, I will appreciate it a lot. Thanks, (Tim Hendel, AL, DX LISTENING DIGEST) I gave him Sheldon Harvey`s address (gh)

Glenn, Thank you for the address. I thought you might like to see my letter to Sheldon, just for the hell of it. You may quote from it if you wish.

Sheldon, My name is Tim Hendel. Born in Rochester, New York (more about that later). I currently live in Huntsville, Alabama. For the first time in my life, I heard International Radio Report on CKUT via my Amazon Echo Dot (more about that. It was Glenn Hauser who alerted me to the program. also.) You never did give an e-mail address, only

things like FaceBook and YouTube, which I donít do. I got this address from Glenn Hauser.

Your name is actually familiar to me. Iíve been DX-ing and SWL-ing since about 1959. Oh, yes, I remember the SWL listenersí Club on RCI, with Ian McFarland, and, it seems to me, two people named Duncan and Elaine. DX Jukebox from Harry van Gelder to Jonathan Marks, Listenersí Corner on RCI with Earl Fisher, mailbag on R. Australia, with Keith Glover, and so, so many more.

I grew up listening to Toronto Radio, CBL, CJBC, and CKEY (now CJCL, the Fan, 590) Torontoís rocker. I was born in Rochester, New York. I attended the New York State School for the Blind in Batavia. There was a whole group of us kids who listened to either the CBC or CKEY.

I think I love, or loved the CBC more than most Canadians, and I could do you a whole 30 minute segment of memories of the CBC, if you wanted.

Hey, I wonder if you even know, there used to be two English language networks on AM, The Trans-Canada network, with all the CB* stations, and the Dominion network, with CJBC as flagship, before they went French. Bing Whitiker used to have a kidsí program on CJBC called Small Tykes Club, from about 12:40 to 1:00 PM. I wonder if his daughter, Barbara, is still around.

I used to have a special fascination with the CB* stations, and tried to DX as many as I could. CBL was a local, and CBE and CBM were usually there at night. Sometimes, on a very long, cold winter night, I got CBW. I always wanted to get CBO in Ottawa, never succeeded.

CJBC went French at just about the time I was in college and was seriously digging into French. I couldnít get it that well at college, but, Iíd listen at home, on vacations. I really liked a program on Saturday night called ìSalue les Copains,î though I canít remember the hostís name. He had a very slow delivery, almost ìspecial French,î and was one of the first people I could understand. He would play his top ten selections, chosen, I suppose, by him. I used to record the program and try to figure out the French words. I also liked something called ìAu Temps des 78.î I guess the title explains itself, they used to play old 78 RPM records.

The CBC farm show on CBL was a delight. Though I wasnít a farmer, I enjoyed the show. They had a little mini soap opera in the middle of the show called The Craigs, which was about an Ontario farm family. Old Thomas Craig enjoyed his oatmeal. His son, Bill, was pretty well running the farm, and, daughter, Janice was, what else, a school teacher. There was a whole bunch of us kids in the dorm at Batavia who

listened to the Craigs.

Why I never listened to International Radio Report before is this, those web sites are pretty hard for a blind person to navigate using our talking software programs. Donít get me wrong, some blind folks are pretty good at it, Iím not. now, sit me in front of an old Hammarlund or Hallicrafter, hook it up, donít give me any instructions, and Iíll be DX-ing on it within 15 minutes.

But, this internet stuff stops me cold. Until I got this wonderful device called the Amazon Echo Dot. There are actully three versions of the Echo, the Echo itself, the Smart speaker, and the Dot, all from Amazon. All you need is a broadband internet connection.

You simply say the call letters of any station you want to hear, and, if it can find it, which it usually can, it brings it up. The Dot will also play almost any musical selection you might want to hear. Itís almost impossible to fool the Dot. So, now, I can hear CKUT.

Most of my professional life has been in the field of foreign languages. Over the past few years, I have lost most of my hearing. This makes DX-ing over shortwave pretty difficult. with the clear sound on the dot, and using headphones, I can do pretty well.

Now, could you plese do a favor for an old DX-er and language freak? What is the output power of CKUT? Also, what other languages, other than Spanish, which I have already heard, are broadcast on CKUT. I record programs in different languages for a friend in New York who is also a language teacher, and who is also blind, thus encountering the same difficulty with web sites that I do.

Finally, thank you for the program. I shall listen in the future. if you ever want to do a nostalgia program about the CBC, Iíd love to participate. Please tell all Canadians how blessed they are. Sincerely, Tim Hendel, KC4BBI (cc to DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANARY ISLANDS. Panorama actual de la onda media en las Islas Canarias, actualizado a dia 18 de noviembre de 2017.

Luego de pasar, una semana en la localidad de Playa Blanca, sur de Lanzarote, tuve la oportunidad de chequear, in situ, la situaciÛn de las distintas emisoras de onda media del archipiÈlago. Como novedad, la reactivaciÛn de COPE Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, que se encontraba inactiva, pudiendo comprobar que estaba emitiendo, si bien con una seÒal extremadamente dÈbil, apenas inteligible, cuando la distancia entre Gran Canaria y Lanzarote es relativamente corta, entrando mucho m·s fuerte y perfectamente audible COPE Tenerife, con un SINPO 35443 mientras que Cope Gran Canaria lo hacÌa con 15441. Se pudo constatar

como emitÌan en paralelo la programaciÛn nacional y regional y con programaciÛn distinta en las desconexiones de la programaciÛn local.

Radio Nacional de EspaÒa, Radio 5 en Gran Canaria est· emitiendo con su potencia habitual, y se recibe fuerte y claro en Lazarote.

Esta es la relaciÛn de emisoras de onda media que se escuchan en Lanzarote durante el dÌa:

576 kHz, Radio Nacional de EspaÒa, Radio 1 en Gran Canaria, 0910, 14-11, 55555
621 kHz, Radio Nacional de EspaÒa, Radio 1 en Tenerife, 0911, 14-11, 55555
711 kHz, Radio El Aaiun, Sahara, Marruecos, 0912, 14-11, 45444
720 kHz, Radio Nacional de EspaÒa, Radio 5 en Tenerife, 0913, 14-11, 55555
747 kHz, Radio Nacional de EspaÒa, Radio 5 en Gran Canaria, 0914, 14-11, 45444
837 kHz, COPE Gran Canaria, 0915, 14-11, 15441
882 kHz, COPE Tenerife, 0916, 14-11, 35443
936 kHz, Agadir, Marruecos, 0917, 14-11, 45444
1179 kHz, Radio Club Tenerife, SER, 0918, 14-11, 45444
1530 kHz, Posto Emissor do Funchal, Madeira, 0919, 14-11, 25432

AsÌ que las dos emisoras que desaparecieron de la onda media en las Islas son Radio ECCA, que emitÌa desde Gran Canaria en 1269 kHz, y que fue dada de baja definitivamente ya hace unos cuatro aÒos, y ES Radio Las Palmas, 1008 kHz, que a dÌa de hoy no sabemos si volver· al aire. (Manuel MÈndez, Spain, Nov 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHILE. 6964.89, Nov 19 at 0214, JBA carrier with talk. No logs of it on HF Underground N American board.

How about Latin American pirates; were, but moved to Peskies, here: https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,38239.0.html

Chris Smolinski in Maryland has been tracking this since October 26, and here`s one reply, from FFM: ``´Reply #6 on: November 16, 2017, 0115 UTCª I've published some posts about they before, they are chileans form Coquimbo region in the north of Chile`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non] Hi Glenn, They were coming in well last night circa 0200z, with nearly constant audio being heard, vs the usual bits and pieces. If only these guys were pirates and not peskies.

Excellent reception from South America overall on 43 meters. I managed to hear Radio Dontri, the Argentinian pirate on 6955 around 2331, and

even got an SSTV image and a QSL (both on the HFU). Very good signals from Lupo Radio as well, perhaps the best of the season so far. RCW doesn't seem to have been on last night, unfortunately. Now I need to try for R. Triunfal EvangÈlica on 5825, which so far has just been a carrier.

FYI Radio Casablanca is on 6940 AM as I type this (1706z), they have been on since 1603z (Chris Smolinski, Nov 19, Black Cat Systems, http://www.blackcatsystems.com WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 5990, Qinghai PBS, Chinese pop music at 1058. 1100 2+1 higher pitched time ticks, then 2 canned announcements both by W with music bed. Mention of Qinghai. Another canned announcement by M and W almost sounding like English over music at 1101, then live M and W announcer in Chinese. Not particularly good, and slop QRM from both sides. 16 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** CHINA. 6155, CNR2/China Business Radio, 1243, Nov 17. Finally heard the program ID in English, after looking for it for many weeks; ìLadies and gentlemen, Haiyang live show"; given during the comedy/variety program in Chinese, which program is often heard. Very pleased to find they still use this ID (Ron Howard, San Francisco, at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 6185, China Huaayi Broadcasting ñ Fuzhou (Presumed), 1257, 11/19/17, in Mandarin. Woman announcer, mellow theme, 5 pips, woman with announcement (in a fade so I could not make out what she was saying either at the time or on the recording), theme like music, Chinese choral music. Poor with fading throughout (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin, Perseus, SDRPlay; Eton E1, Grundig Satellit 800, Tecsun PL 880, and various other portables; 42 meters dipole, 100í long wire, W6LVP loop, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** CHINA. [ref. Glenn's 15 Nov. unID at 1354 on 7205]. Very possibly this was CRI (Beijing) in Chinese, heard here 1350-1357* 16 Nov. (listed to 1400*, usually closes a few minutes early) & // 7215 (Xian), 9520 (Urumqi), 13855 (Kashi) [didn't know about the //s until later & haven't had the opportunity to check them, though] (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA PL380/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 11790, Nov 17 at 0038, CRI, or whatever they are calling it now, English interview about China and Austria, good signal, just like // 11885. Both are via Xi`an, 190 and 200 degrees respectively.

Graylinish, could be longpaths. BTW, I visited the Xi`an site on my one trip to China, but they wouldn`t let me thru the gate (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. A new AM station in IbaguÈ --- 670, HJ.. Andrea Aldana of the mayor's office in IbaguÈ has announced that the city will get a new AM radio station on 670 kHz. It is hoped that the station will be on the air shortly as the local administration is anxious to improve relations with the general public. The idea is to create opportunities for the citizens of IbaguÈ to take active part in the programming of this new radio station (via GRA blog via DXLD, translation Christer Brunstrˆm, ARC, via ed. Tore Larsson, South American News Desk, ARC mv-eko 20 Nov via DXLD)

** CONGO. 6115, Radio Congo, Brazzaville, 1800-1845, 13-11, French, comments, ID "Radio Congo". 13321. Also 1732-1741*, 17-11, French, female, comments, pop and African songs. Transmission cut off abruptly at 1741. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 6 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Radio Progreso 9530 --- ArmÛnico de la seÒal fundamental de Radio Progreso (2 x 4765 kHz) captada esta noche desde aprox. 0200 UT, primero con el programa: Nocturno; luego a las 0230 un servicio de noticias que incluyÛ el estado del clima. Posteriormente vino el programa Ritmos. Sintonizada gracias a la informaciÛn de Iv·n Aleandro [sic] Istlahuaca en el grupo Diexismo de Facebook. Buenos DX (Rafael Rodriguez R., Bogot· D.C - Colombia, UT Nov 16, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Excelente dato, Rafael! Gracias por compartirlo! 73 (Arnaldo Slaen, ibid.)

I first reported this harmonic long ago. 3x also possible (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA [and non]. 6165 // 6100 // 6060 // 6000, Nov 15 at 0711, RHC finally manages to run all four frequencies and all in English as newly scheduled in one-hour extension. But all are undermodulated except much louder 6060; different site? Not per the detailed site-schedules provided by Arnie in DXLD 17-45: they are all Bauta, except the odd one out, 6000 from Quivic·n. One might verify this by comparing echo-delays among them.

15370, Nov 15 at 1357, RHC not on yet, so 19mb is blessedly free of spurs (and allowing the Buzzing Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to be heard on 15380); but *1358, 15370 cuts on with Spanish in progress, modulation cuts off and on and off and on, eventually staying on. And now, the filthy spurblobs are back, approx. 15435,

15501, 15566; 15305, 15240, 15175 --- but at least not so big a panoply further out as other days; recheck 1517, spurs still around 15236, 15303, 15437, 15505. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

9720, Nov 16 at 0036, amid RHC`s second English hour of the day, new frequency is on and // 5040; while 6060 is off, just Brazilian with het. Last night`s English on 6060 toward hourend was probably a slipshod early switch-on with the wrong feed input. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

RHC Spanish audible on 9535, 9640; and separate `Mesa Redonda` TV soundtrack on 6000, overmodulated/distorted. MR is supposed to be on a second channel, still 11950. Surely supposed to be on, but no 25m frequencies audible, outfaded already?

11650, Nov 16 at 1315, RHC Spanish is only S9-S5 and undermodulated, much weaker than 11670 at S9+40. B-17 sked shows 11650 at 13-15, 110 degrees to S America (but missing it at that angle), is the puny 50 kW Bejucal transmitter rather than 100/250 from most RHC frequencies. 50 kW also on 13670 at 12-13; 9640 at 22-05; another 50 kW on 15730 at 2330-0130.

15370, Nov 16 at 1523, RHC fails to surround this frequency with a dozen filthy spurs across the 19m band; what`s wrong? These seem to be more likely around *1400. Maybe they clear up with warmup? By this hour, only other frequencies on air, per sked and monitoring, are 9535, 11760, 15230, 17730.

11760, Nov 16 at 1924, RHC in big carrier of dead air. This frequency is supposed to close at 1900 after being the only one filling the 16-19 UT gap. Something`s always wrong at RHC. Still so at 1947, while 15140 is in Creole.

9535, Nov 17 at 0100, RHC Spanish in full frequency announcement, including closing 6000 & 11950, without clarifying that those have been the separate Mesa Redonda TV soundtrack; I`m not paying close attention, but at the end, a fourth FM frequency has been added, for Cienfuegos. I think it ends in .9. Check the website,
http://radiohc.cu/interesantes/frecuencias
Of course not! It`s still the *A-16* schedule with outdated SW frequencies, let alone FM. Arnie had said plans were to expand RHC coverage on FM to the entire island. At this rate, it`ll take many2 years. It`s never been clear how the various languages fit into the FM schedules, if any beyond Spanish. There must be some English, since they plug the FMs in that language (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6165, Nov 17 at 0611, RHC English undermodulated, making it worse vs

the CCI producing a slow SAH of 32v per minute. HFCC shows the understation at 0600-0630 is NHK Arabic to the SE from FRANCE. Arnie was itching to get back on good ol` 6165, but participants in HFCC have also registered what amount to other collisions: 0020-0320 Spanish back toward Cuba from Iran; 0430-0500 NHK Russian via Germany (but never mind the imaginary Voice of Russia in Russian from St. Pete with 800 kW! at 0100-0600 also back toward America. Hmm, wonder if that entry was really to ``protect`` 6165 for the Cuban boycotter of HFCC?) (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11935-11970, Nov 17 at 1335, RHC 11950 is splattering out to this range. // 11840 along with its clear but weaker parasites 11830 & 11850.

11760, Nov 18 at 2157, RHC is in Arabic! // weaker 15370. 11760 is not supposed to resume until 2200 in Spanish. More slipshod operations by RadioCuba, where something is always wrong.

BTW, the B-17 RHC schedules all show the languages to ``Western Europe`` (including Arabic!) are on a 10-degree azimuth, which is pretty far off: over Greenland, Svalbard, Novaya Zemlya and across mainland Russia east of the Urals, i.e. ASIA! So far east, that beyond most of Kazakhstan, right across Tibet, into Bangladesh. Something`s always wrong at RHC. Of course, maybe excuse that these beams are broad? They should hope so (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Plus / minus 30 degrees widebeam, 10 degree mainlobe, like 340 to 40 degrees (+/- 30 degrees) that covers all Europe well, I guess. 73 wolfie (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7340, Nov 19 at 0245, violin concerto, surely not RHC ---- no, this frequency is now Romania, // 5910. In fact, had almost overlooked the fact that 7340 has been totally deleted from the new RHC B-17 schedule in effect less than a week.

It was a surprise when Arnie activated an Habana 40-m frequency for the first time in A-17, contrary to his holier-than-thou stance about out-of-band broadcasting. Now he`s holier again since this is a fixed, not broadcast band, despite being dominated by many other broadcasters and not just yanquis. Considering how 11 and 9 MHz fade out at night, it could be quite useful (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11760, Sunday Nov 19 at 1558, RHC wrapping up Spanish but mentions only the Habana FM frequency, 102.5. Modulation is somewhat suptorted. 1600 switch to weekly Esperanto, and audio improves, especially during their opening song. Sked announced is still: 1600 on 11760, 2230 on

17730, and 0700 on 6000. Only the first one is still correct, the 2230 maybe 2330 or 0030? on 15730 which hesitates to propagate? But unconfirmed last week, and there could be a fourth broadcast as per some schedule versions; the 0700 UT Sunday is supposed to be delayed until 0800 because of another hour of English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 4765, Radio Progreso, poor but improving signal 0430 through to closing with full SS identification and national anthem at 0500:45 and transmitter off at 0502 UT 20 November. Difficult log at this time of year in NZ as our local sunset not till 0713. I have been monitoring frequency daily since 9 November and this the best reception by far. Some days no signal at all on 4765 between 0430 and 0500 (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai NZ, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS [non]. 9955, Nov 15 at 1401, `Travel Gazette` via WRMI. I listen to most of it today, and am convinced that it`s a very old FG Radio episode which the automation keeps replaying, lacking any overwrite by newer ones. ``This week`` the major news items are familiar from months before: Australia considering travel ban of laptops; crime rate in Caribbean is up, greater than in Latin America; Easy-Jet redesigned website making it much less usable; Kenya to start direct flights to America by next April, or sometime in the next 12 months! So this ep probably started in April 2017. Closing with the Beatles tune, which is ``Something`` by George Harrison. What a waste. WRMI does keep replaying various other shows which have apparently expired long ago. Is it because they are still paying for airtime, and the repeat content is not WRMI`s problem? Or just neglected to remove them (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EAST TURKISTAN. 5060 & 4980 & 4850 & 4500, Nov 21 at 2357, JBA carriers, surely the four different language services of PBS Xinjiang, Urumqi, grayline. There are several other JBA carriers on 60m matching Tibetan, Indian or Chinese stations, but this quartet all add up to nothing but Xinjiang (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. On Sunday Nov 12 at 2000 zulu, I heard a loud fifty cycle hum on 9325 kHz. I believe that is Radio Kiro but there was a dead carrier with a fifty hertz hum (Kelly Sprout, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R. Cairo, 9325, 18-21 in Hausa from Abis (HFCC via gh, DXLD)

9570, Nov 16 at 1936, S3-S5 of dead air, lite whine, maybe JBM. Of course, it`s Cairo`s hour in ``German`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. Radio Bata in Playa Blanca --- 5005, Radio Bata now on air with weak but clear signal, pop and African songs, 0550-

18-11, 15331 (Manuel MÈndez, Canary Islands, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5005, Radio Nacional, Bata, 0550-0610, 15-11, songs, Spanish comments. Very weak, 15321.
Also 0601-0613, 16-11, songs, comments, Spanish. Very weak. 15321.
Also 0549-0557, 17-11, songs, Spanish, comments. Very weak. 15321
Also 0548-0607, 18-11, pop and African songs, at 0557 Spanish, comments and more songs. Weak but clear today. 15331.

All days on air in the early morning, but out of air in the evening at about 1800. Past years here, in Playa Blanca, in November, the best reception was at 1800 UT, but now off air at this time (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 6 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [and non]. 7181.55, V. of Broad Masses of Eritrea. Getting blasted by hams on both sides but there and audible. M announcer with presumed sign off announcements at 1830, then usual choral patriotic song at 1831. (Valko 15 Nov.)

7140, V. of Broad Masses of Eritrea, 1831 same patriotic song as heard on 7181.55. Weak signal but itís definitely still there. Much much weaker than it used to be. 15 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

7181.595, Nov 16 at 1323, JBA carrier with LSB QRhaM, presumed INTRUDER VOBME by long path. Nothing audible from other VOBME circa 7140 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISENING DIGEST)

7140, Nov 17 at 1340, JBA carrier, presumed Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, by longpath. Much weaker than 7120 Hargeisa, or 7205 if that`s Sudan; and other VOBME INTRUDER, 7181+ not audible amid hams. But by 1349 I can make out its JBA carrier on 7181.552.

The long path route from Asmara to Enid goes across the entire Indian Ocean, well south of Australia, just missing the southern tip of New Zealand, across the entire Pacific, entering North America around La Paz. Full-daytime short path would be across France, Atlantic and Labrador. Distancefromto.net shows short path is 12.7 Megameters or 7.9 kilomiles. Subtracting from approx. 40 Mm or 24.9 kmi circumference, we get: 27.3 Mm, or 17 kmi LP (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

/ETHIOPIA, 7140.019, V of Broad Masses 1 - Dimtsi Hafash - Asmara logged at 0447 UT on Nov 18, S=8, plus co-channel Gedja Ethiopia white

noise jamming transmission in 7131 to 7148 kHz frequency range.

Two ERI/ETH AM signals noted on 7181v this morning: or let's say 7181.554, V of Broad Masses 2 - Dimtsi Hafash - Asmara logged at 0452 UT on Nov 18 played HoA music, S=8 plus co-channel Gedja Ethiopia white noise jamming transmission in 7171 to 7188 kHz fq range.

Maybe the other AM signal on 7180.039 kHz was real a bad coordination - division of work - at Gedja Ethiopia, like spoken EaAF language transmission additional in \\ to white noise jamming ? Who knows? [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ERITREA [non]. SECRETLAND, Frequency change of Dimtse Radio Erena via SPL Secretbrod
1700-1730 NF 9720 SCB 050 kW / 195 deg EaAf Tigrinya Mon-Fri ex 11965
1730-1800 NF 9720 SCB 050 kW / 195 deg EaAf Arabic Mon-Fri, ex 11965
1700-1800 NF 9720 SCB 050 kW / 195 deg EaAf Tigrinya Sat, ex 11965
1700-1800 NF 9720 SCB 050 kW / 195 deg EaAf Arabic Sun, ex 11965
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/frequency-change-of-dimtse-radio-erena.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 20, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. 5940, R. Deegaanka Soomaalida Found with HoA music at 1946. Nothing but music to ToH. Weak and fady but no doubt them. Blasted out by R. Algerienne s/on at 2000 while they were still playing music. 15 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. 7236v, R. Ethiopia. Found a carrier here at 1328 barely visible through the massive ham QRM. Certainly sounded like some music at 1331-1332. Varying up to 7235.99 and 7236.03, so obviously Ethiopia. Didnít stick with it. Already visible in the display at 1258 the next day. Went off later at 1703. 16 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

7236.13v to 7236.16, Nov 17 at 1342, S6-S9 carrier varying constantly down and up as I try to measure it, trace of modulation, surely R. Ethiopia by longpath; the 40m Eritrean frequencies also in, q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 7135-7142 and 7175-7185, approx., Nov 15 at 0332, DRM noise jamming detectable here, but no AM carriers from the Eritreans audible

amid.

7140, Nov 15 at 1351, JBA carrier from presumed VOBME INTRUDER by long-path, no jamming; but DRMnoise approx. 7169-7175; could that be where the other VOBME is today rather than 7181+v? No carrier from it detectable in either area, and then the QRDRM goes off. (Meanwhile 7120 carrier from Hargeisa, Somaliland, longpath is much stronger.) (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. 6294.98, PIRATE, Johnny Tobacco (or whatever name he's using these days). Surprised to find him on at 2116 while moving down to checked 6205 LHH. Sounded like an easy Dutch CW song. 2119 deadair and back to another slow song by same artist but in English. Went off at 2124:04 and end of song and with out announcement. 15 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** FRANCE. Additional frequency via TDF/ISS, probably for Radio Biafra from Nov 20:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/additional-frequency-via-tdfiss.html

Viz.: Tuesday, November 21, 2017
0700-0800 on 13710 ISS 100 kW / 170 deg to WeAf English/Igbo, BUT inactive on Nov 20/21 ??????????? ?? (Observer ? 6:12 PM via DXLD)

No, it`s Radio Herwa --- another surprise target broadcast to Nigeria, covered already in my logs and dxldyg, and in next DXLD; also 11530

** GERMANY [non]. ARMENIA, Winter B-17 of Shortwaveservice via CJSC Yerevan:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/winter-b-17-schedule-of.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1043 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Nov.20, 2017 via DXLD)

** GREECE. Weak signal of Greek pirate station Radio Zeppelin, Nov 18 1347&1427 on 7515v unknown tx site, with QRM from 7510 khz & 7520 kHz same time on 7510 TWR 100 kW / 320 deg to EaAs Korean KTWR TWRAsia and same time on 7520 ERV 100 kW / 192 deg to WeAs Kurdish Denge Kurdistan
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/weak-signal-of-greek-pirate-station_18.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

GREECE, 7514.996 kHz poor S=5-6 signal here in Germany at 1625 UT, much sweet -'dulce m˙sica'- old music of the 30ties and 40ties. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

** GUAM. 11800, Nov 18 at 2203, beautiful gospel quartet harmony in unknown language, but 2205 YL talk is in Indonesian, altho mentions Malaysia; fair averaging S9. KSDA is scheduled this hour, but also RRI Tsiganeshti in Spanish --- no sign of it; otherwise could produce quite a collision here. Is RRI still on 11800? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. 4055, UT Sun Nov 19 at 0221, Radio Verdad with very familiar voices, my old colleagues at Radio Nederland, Jaime B·guena y Alfonso Montealegre talking about the history of Philips Electronix, and them Marconi. Maybe from an old `Radio Enlace`, contained in a current DX program. Which has yet to appear on the RV program sked: http://radioverdad.org/?q=programaci%C3%B3n

Showing at 0200-0230 GMT S·bado - meaning UT Sunday, ``Club de la Amistad y FilatÈlico``. This page is © 2009, and would not be surprised if never updated since. Now it`s `Antena DX` from Panam·:

``Radio Verdad 4055 SW en Guatemala - Los s·bados a las 8:00 PM hora de Guatemala, Domingos 02:00 UTC www.radioverdad.org`` according to: http://programasdx.com/antenadx.htm
which is also on WRMI and WBCQ (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA. 9650, R. GuinÈe. Beautiful signal at 1859 with local vocal music and a nice solo on xylophone or similar instrument. 1900 canned ID announcement by M with several IDs. 1902 program intro by W with mention of R. GuinÈe, then program. 15 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** INDIA. 4970, AIR Xilong, Maugrong, 1718-1734, 03/11, lÌng. ind., canÁıes indianas, notici·rio das 1730; 25331, modulaÁ„o muito fraca. Good DX and regards, (Carlos GonÁalves, SW coast of Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 5010, AIR Thiruvananthapuram at 1530 UT Nov 13 with English "News At 9" (Fair) // 5040 Jeypore (Good) // 4800, 4810 and 4920 all fair with some sort of interference across a lot of 60 meters presumed Chinese Over-Horizon-Radar (Mick Delmage, Sherwood Park, AB, Perseus SDR, Wellbrook ALA 100 loop antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5010, AIR Thiru. W and M announcers in definite Hindi at 1156, music for about a minute, then W and M announcers again, and subcontinental music to at least 1200. Still there at around 1210, fairly strong with simple end of English Pop song and M and W announcers, but gone at 1219 check. Looked like it was back at 1237 though. 16 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees

(towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

AIR Thiruvanthapuram on 7313 kHz now --- AIR Thiruvanthapuram is noted just now on 7313 kHz instead of 7290 kHz. Sked is till around 1030 UT (4.00 pm) today http://www.airtvm.com/
Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India Mobile: +91 94416 96043, http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos, 0914 UT Nov 5, delayed digest of dx_india yg via DXLD)

Latest changes to All India Radio External Services:
0215-0300 Pushtu 11740 (ex-11670)
0300-0345 Dari   11740 (ex-11670)
1300-1500 Sinhala 11780 (ex-9425/9820/9910)

Latest updated schedule is in:
http://qsl.net/vu2jos/es/time.htm

Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, Nov 7, ibid.)

Latest changes to AIR External Services
2245-0045 English 7550 (ex 9690)
Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, Nov 15, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. All India Radio on very odd frequency 11731 kHz, Nov 15:
0700-0800 on 11731 DEL 100 kW / 102 deg to CeAs Nepali, ex 11730
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/all-india-radio-on-very-odd-frequency.html

More and more frequency changes of All India Radio
0215-0300 NF 11740 PAN 250 kW / 300 deg to WeAs Pashto, x 11670 to avoid RHCuba Sp
0300-0345 NF 11740 PAN 250 kW / 300 deg to WeAs Dari, ex 11670 to avoid RHCuba Sp
1300-1500 NF 11780 DEL 250 kW / 124 deg to SoAs Sinhala, ex 9425 to avoid VOKorea
1330-1500 NF 13695 BGL 500 kW / 120 deg to SEAs English, ex 13720 to avoid CRI Fre
2245-0045 NF 7550 BGL 500 kW / 090 deg to SEAs English, ex 9690 to avoid REE Spa
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/more-and-more-frequency-changes-of-all.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 15, dxldyg via DXLD)
English: [WORLD OF RADIO 1905]

7550, AIR Bengaluru, 1935 nice signal with subcontinental music, 1943

end of music and English ID and website promo, then closing announcement with sked. Into Hindi programming at 1945. 15 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** INDIA. 7555.73, AIR Delhi. 1209 vocal only singing, then W announcer in language. Decent strength but very low audio level and slop QRM from huge 7570 WRMI. 16 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

Off frequency 7555.69v, AIR via Delhi-Kingsway, 1206, Nov 17. Carrier already on; 1213 AIR IS; weak (Ron Howard, San Francisco, at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7555.702 AIR Kingsway EMPTY CARRIER visible at 1148 UT Nov 19 at S=9+20dB strength. Wait for AIR Tibetan service scheduled from 1215. 1225 Tibetan program in progress, no! China mainland jamming visible.

\\ 9575 Bangalore even, covered by CNR1 jamming mostly mx program today.
\\ 11619.967 odd fq from Goa Panaji site, also CNR1 covered totally. [WORLD OF RADIO 1905]

[and non] others at 1153 UT:
7210 CRI Urumqi in Esperanto
7220 ??? two peaks visible, VoKorea D.P.R.
      7219.999 and VoVTN Son Tay 7220.120 kHz Russian.
7259.990 CHN PBS Urumqi Chinese, 7260.0_even CRI Xian Japanese
7270.005 IND AIR Chennai Madras, Tamil
7344.995 tentativelly, Thazin R, Pyin Oo L. 1220 UT, poor and tiny
7530 UZB tentat. Korean veiled target Radio program? 1222 UT
73 wolfie (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

** INDIA. AIR PLANS TO INTRODUCE HD RADIO

Shillong: All India Radio (AIR) is planning to introduce HD radio that will enable listeners to opt for programmes in digital format.

This was announced at a seminar on the occasion of Public Service Broadcasting Day and celebration of the 20th anniversary of Prasar Bharati at the State Convention Centre on Saturday.

Director General Fayyaz Sheheryar said AIR is the inheritor of a great

legacy. ìAIR will introduce HD radio in future. The HD radio provides the platform to listen to programmes in both digital format with less noise and analog with standard sound quality,î he added.

Highlighting AIRís other upgradation plans, Sheheryar said it will soon have its services on Amazonís Eco in the next three to six months

Source & full story at :
http://www.theshillongtimes.com/2017/11/12/air-plans-to-introduce-hd-radio/
---- (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, Nov 12, dx_india yg via DXLD)

?? HD? Do they really mean the American IBOC system, rather than DRM as has already been spreading across India? The rest of the story makes this no clearer (Glenn Hauser, DXLD) Viz.:

AIR is working to provide Virtual Private Network that will provide seamless broadcasting service in any part of the country.

The DG said AIR websites are being developed which will have all the stations across the country incorporated.

The mobile app is being developed to utilise the existing platforms with over 20 live streaming channels.

Speaking about AIRís reach and impact, the DG pointed out that news bulletin, current affair programmes and other genres of programmes broadcast both in general and special audience segments have been strengthening the countryís democratic fabric.

Among other dignitaries present at the programme organised by AIR Shillong were Desmond L Kharmawphlang, Professor and Head of Cultural and Creative Studies at NEHU, Dr Lalthansangi, Associate Professor in the Department of Education at Government Aizawl College, and Patricia Mukhim (via DXLD)

** INDIA [non]. ARMENIA, Trans World Radio India in English via CJSC Yerevan on Nov 17
1435-1450 9745 ERV 300 kW / 100 deg SoAs English Mon-Fri, good signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/trans-world-radio-india-in-english-via.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 17, dxldyg via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 9524.94, V. of Indonesia. 1928 W in English over music. Weak modulation made it difficult with few words readable. 1930 music level pretty decent. 1931 couple mentions of V. of Indonesia by W. Just missed recording a nice clear ID by W at 1952 before pop song. Getting useable audio on this isnít very common, so itís nice to ID. 15 Nov.

9524.96, V.O.I. End of Japanese program, then in English at 1300 with fanfare and canned ID by M and W over music, then frequencies and webstream by W, live W with program rundown, and into the news. Nice to get some readable audio on this for a change. 16 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. Ken Zichi: SiriusXM is announcing that they will have a ëfree trialí of 100 channels from November 14 to 27. SO, if you have a satellite radio, check it out. They will be unlocking all radios for a limited time & you donít have to provide them any gelt! ;) (Ken Zichi, MARE Tipsheet 17 Nov via DXLD

** IRAN. 6040, V. of the Islamic Rep. of Iran. Usual soft instrumental music [IS] at good level at 1920, then opening ID announcement by M with weak modulation at 1923:50, then into AR [sic] music at 1925. 15 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD) But this is one of their few English broadcasts left (gh)

** IRAN [non]. 7584.939, Nov 18 at 0706, off-frequency modern ME music really stix out, YL announcement but cut off at 0710*, shortly carrier back on and off again for a split second.

*0711 back stronger on correct frequency 7585.000, Farsi talk and rock music, 0716 Farda IDs in passing. Yes, it`s R. Farda, scheduled 0400-0830, 250 kW, 58 degrees from KUWAIT (following 0230-0400 via Thailand). As usual, no jamming audible vs this clandestine service; why doesn`t Iran bother to do that? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY. Reception of time signal station ItalCable on Nov 16: 0830&1000 on 10000 unknown tx / unknown to WeEu Italian CUSB http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/reception-of-time-signal-station_16.html (DX RE MIX NEWS #1043 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Nov.20, 2017 via DXLD)

** JAPAN. 9680, Nov 16 at 1532, nice harp music at S3, Japanese talk. The China/Taiwan radio war is over at 1400, and now NHK runs 1455-1700 due west from Yamata; not good for Zambia during same span weekends (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR. 4950, R. Caxemira, Srinagar, Jamu e Caxemira, 1718-1743*, 07/11, canÁıes, texto em lÌng. ind., ID da AIR, ‡s 1730, seguida do notici·rio; 35332. Good DX and regards, (Carlos GonÁalves, SW coast of

Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 2850, Nov 16 at 1336, S5-S7 Korean talk, my pro-forma occasional log of this high-MW, only 105-mb broadcast station (except for MW harmonix, but none lately), KCBS Pyongyang, on the air 22 hours a day, 50 kW ND. At least a carrier is usually audible here around sunrise (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 3945, Echo of Unification (Pyongyang) 1410-1432* 8, 9 Nov. Clear with pretty relaxed Korean chat (well, for NK at least) & music, closing announcements at BOH followed by piano/violin "anthem-y" tune (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA PL380/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3945, Echo of Unification (Pyongyang) 1410-1432* 8, 9 Nov. Clear with Korean chat/orchestral & choral music, closing announcement at BOH, nice piano/violin-based instrumental to close (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach CA, PL380/6m X wire, via Bob Wilkner, NASWA yg via DXLD)

3945, Echo of Unification, 1225, Nov 18. Carrier already on; 1229 chimes (IS?); 1230 one pip; in Korean; is Saturday, so no "RN2, Radio Nikkei" (Japan) here at this time (Ron Howard, San Francisco, at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. 5920+, Nov 16 at 1327 Korean talk, and rapid tone jamming on the hi side, vs Voice of Freedom on one of its alternative frequencies (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 7410, JAPAN, Shiokaze Seabreeze. Barely able to hear the soft instrumental music bed at the start of the English language s/on announcement at 1330 under huge CRI. Checked again at 1354 but hopeless. 16 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

7410, Nov 16 at 1332, while CRI Japanese is talking instead of musicking, barely audible understation presumed still Shiokaze from Japan, English on Thursday. Earlier in the hour I could not detect it on 7410, and scanned the 49m band for it with no results either (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 7500, CLANDESTINE, North Korea Reform R. (via Tashkent) (tentative). Weak signal here at 2045 and threshold audio. Some SSB QRM. Wiped out by 7490 WBCQ after 2100. 15 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2

different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 7625, CLANDESTINE, V. of the Wilderness (via Tashkent) 1229 early s/on with W talk, then wind blowing SFX, trumpet fanfare, and soft opening music. 1333 talk by W in Korean over music, music up briefly at 1335, then continuous talk. Into soft vocal song by W at 1335. Actually not too bad. Same W returned at end of the song at 1340. Still in at 1350 with more talk by W host over soft instrumental music. 16 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 9470, CLANDESTINE, R. Free North Korea (via Tashkent). Just missed s/on. Was recording the s/on of the Japanese program of 9524.96 V. of Indonesia and didnít realize I had this as well. W announcer in Korean at 1201. Not very strong and had an echo at this time. Much better at the end of the broadcast at 1256 with end of Korean talk by W, somber vocal song until audio suddenly cut off at 1259:24 and signal gone about 25 seconds later. 16 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH [and non]. CLANDESTINAS_Coreia do Sul
3910 Voz do Povo, Goiangue, 2142-2151, 04/11, emiss„o em coreano dirigida ‡ Coreia do Norte, texto; 23341, sinal empastelado pelos norte-coreanos. // 3480, 3930, 6520 (ex-6518), 6600. Good DX and regards, (Carlos GonÁalves, SW coast of Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH [and non]. 3910/3930/4450, Voice of the People (Kyonggi-do) 1403-1435+ 8, 9 Nov. Korean chat/music, mostly well under the NK noise jammers (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA PL380/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3910/3930/4450, Voice of the People (Kyonggi-do) 1403-35+ 8, 9 Nov. Korean chat & orchestral/choral music, mostly beat up by the NK noise jammer (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach CA, PL380/6m X wire, via Bob Wilkner, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH. 4885 SOUTH KOREA presumed Echo of Hope at 1425 in Korean, 1426 a ìVOA World Newsî ID and woman continued with what I assume was VOA news in Korean; at various checks to 1502 playing songs, no announcements at top of the hour. - Fair, Nov 18 (Harold Sellers, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 4925, V24 [S. Korean #s station] 1435-1440* 13 Nov. Weak but clear with Korean number groups.

6310, V24 [S. Korean #s station] 1533-1538* 8 Nov. Korean # groups in the clear. Sked *1530-1540a* on 6310 the 1st, 3rd, & 8th of the month & thanks to the fine DXers at the Radio.Chobi site for the info (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach CA, PL380/6m X wire, via Bob Wilkner, NASWA yg via DXLD)

6310, V24 (S. Korean #s station) 1533-1538* 8 Nov. Weak but clear -- sked *1530-1540a* on the 1st, 3rd, and 8th of the month; & thanks to the folks at Radio.Chobi.net for the sked info (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA PL380/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 5920, V. of Freedom. M announcer at 1121, music at 1122. Way too weak and too much 5925 CNR slop QRM at this time. 1214 Asian pop ballad, then soft Korean talk by W to 1216, and into bluesy song. Easy MOR music at 1238 recheck and soft-spoken W returned at 1241. Fady then. 16 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH. 9805, Nov 15 at 2258, VG S9+10 with flute and guitar music; 2259, KBSWR theme and Indonesian ID; 2300 theme and opening Chinese. Both hours 250 kW on same 225 degree beam from Kimjae. Apparently KBS is not worthy of ChiCom jamming (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. KBS WORLD CONFIRMS THE QSL REPORTS DEDICATED TO THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTERNET BROADCASTING FROM KOREA

KBS World has confirmed the reports QSL, dedicated to the 20th anniversary of Internet broadcasting from Korea. November 13, 2017 received a new verification card for reports from 8, 9, 10 and 13 October at a frequency of 9645 kHz.
(IR, QSL World, via Rus-DX 19 Nov via DXLD) no IR in credit list

A card with a new design from the Russian edition of KBS World Radio from South Korea was received for the report of October 11, 2017. In a separate envelope they sent a small bag - a purse for participation in the survey. Also sent the station schedule in two copies. The letters were sent from Seoul on October 26, 2017. Card and souvenir here.
(Dmitry Elagin, Saratovskaya oblast, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx", ibid.)

** KURDISTAN [non]. ARMENIA, B-17 of Denge Kurdistan via CJSC Yerevan
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/winter-b-17-schedule-of-denge-kurdistan.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1043 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Nov.20, 2017 via DXLD)

** KUWAIT [and non]. VATICAN, Radio Veritas Asia via SM di Galeria, Nov 21
1430-1457 on 11630*SMG 250 kW / 089 deg to SoAs Urdu, good
* with QRM 11629.8 KBD 250 kW / 230 deg to CeAf Holy Quran Radio Kuwait
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2017/11/reception-of-radio-veritas-asia-via-sm.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 21, dxldyg via DXLD)

** LIBERIA. 6050, ELWA Radio, Monrovia, 0610-0705, 16-11, English, religious comments and songs, at 0655 "Back to the Bible". 2432 [sic]. Also 0632-0705, 17-11, English, religious comments, "This is Back to the Bible". 25432 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 6 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. MADAG¡SCAR, 5009.9, R. Madagasikara, Amohidrano, 1714-1726, 07/11, malgaxe (p), m˙sica; 15331. Good DX and regards, (Carlos GonÁalves, SW coast of Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 9600, Madagascar World Voice with English hour, including ìPostcard from Alaskaî & ìTrue Stories from the Bibleî in ìcontemporaryî English. (ìDude, check out that Noah dude building a boat in the middle of dry land. Whacked, right?î OK--it wasnít THAT contemporary, but still. ;)) Lots of Bible bumping & KNLS IDs & mention of ìyour New Life Station. Interview with Leann Womack about ìI Hope You Danceî song into ìProfiles in Christian Musicî. At 0250 talx re flowers being proof of an all powerful creator-God. (I wonder how they explain allergies to pollen? Godís sense of humour to keep us humble maybe?) Sked for the English hour broadcast 5 times during the day, including both KNLS & Madagascar broadcasts, then ìIím Younger Nowî by Miley Cyrus to carrier off. 0210-0257* 11/Nov, SPR-4 +longwire (Ken Zichi, MARE Brighton DXpedition, MARE Tipsheet 17 Nov via DXLD)
See also ALASKA [non]

** MALAYSIA. 9835, RTM-Sarawak FM. About best ever reception with M doing news at 1226, promo at 1229, then into Asian romantic ballad by M and W vocalists, then 2 women DJs in discussion at 1234, mention of Sarawak. Surprised at the strength. 16 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 14230-USB, XE3CIA (Tuxtla, Chiapas). SSTV CQ picture at 1346 amid others at the same time. 16 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2

different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 6185, Nov 17 at 0610, dead air at S9, XEPPM still not turned off after end of programming circa 0600 now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. RAYMIE`S MEXICO BEAT this week --- [no TV]

The Yucat·n Peninsula was so under-developed radio-wise that there was plenty of room to migrate all the AMs. Some are combos, too.

Speaking of which --- The XHROJ Saga Gets Even Wilder

So we've established by now that QFM 104.3 XHROJ may no longer be the real XHROJ. Well now it's time to establish another fact: it's no longer owned by Quequi.

The new owner gets us somewhere very interesting indeed. It's Grupo Acustik Media, which also operates pirate Acustik 95.3.

Legally, however, that C is a K, and Akustik Media, S.A.P.I. de C.V., made away like a thief in IFT-4 with just one station. While they were probably priced out of Quintana Roo, they got what they wanted in Peto, Yucat·n, for the low, low price of 43,000 pesos: XHPYUC-FM. (Akustik also sold the Q. Roo state legislature ad time on QFM in June.)
http://documentos.congresoqroo.gob.mx/transparencia/static/documentos/fraccionXXIII/2017/2do__trimestre/facturas/AKUSTIK-MEDIA-SAPI-DE-CV-002Censurado.pdf

XHPYUC's concession is signed for by JosÈ Gabriel GutiÈrrez LavÌn, who also founded FundaciÛn Maya Canc˙n back in 2000 and last month became the chair of Atlante FC, Canc˙n's Ascenso MX soccer club.
https://www.palcoquintanarroense.com.mx/jose-gabriel-gutierrez-lavin-nuevo-presidente-del-atlante/82245/

That's not all! Another article
http://www.lucesdelsiglo.com/noticias/expande-acustik-sus-%E2%80%98ondas-paradisiacas%E2%80%99/31570
reveals that Akustik is also behind Esc·pate al ParaÌso, which escaped from the AM side of the auction with a haul of 12 stations. Akustik plans a national newscast and a new radio network picking up smaller stations across the country. They also apparently mounted a bid to expand to TV in IFT-6, which would be dashed by Telsusa, and for the Canc˙n IFT-4 station on 94.9.

And another report ties Quequi, Acustik and others to another governor.

http://noticaribe.com.mx/2017/03/01/busca-hendricks-influencia-mediatica-revela-semanario-que-ex-gobernador-se-prepara-para-ampliar-sus-inversiones-en-medios-de-comunicacion/
This rabbit hole does not end.
Last edited by Raymie; 11-17-2017 at 09:36 PM.
(Raymie Humbert, Phúnix AZ, Nov 17, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

Wow, even could you log XETH-1290, XEESC-820 and XESE-1560? That ones were difficult to log. Even XETH, which it was near me, I couldn't get it until it migrated to FM (Gargadon, Ciudad del Carmen, Campeche, ibid.)

Quote Originally Posted by Glen Hauser View Post
I'm going thru Terry K's logs on his website (found 4 stations there) and will contact him after finishing (logs from 2010 to present). So far the count is 10 different stations logged by 8 different DXers with Terry's 4 and David Gleason's 4 (from PHX) being most so far.

At
http://www.americanradiohistory.com/Archive-DX/Veries/DFG-Mexico.pdf

there is a batch of Mexican verifications from the early 60's from my NE Ohio DX location. Included are
    XEZ - 600
    XEQW - 550
    XEA - 1370
    XEVA - 790 (Neighboring Tabasco)
(David Eduardo Gleason, La Quinta, California, Nov 18, ibid.)

In the other one (Scottsdale), David also had
http://www.americanradiohistory.com/Archive-DX/DFG/DFG-QSL-XE.pdf
    XEKV
    XESE

Kermit's file has a few additional interesting ones:
http://www.americanradiohistory.com/Archive-DX/VERIES-KERMIT/Mexico.pdf
XEWM 1410 Villahermosa (became XEXJ and then XETAB in the late 60s)

XEMH

No Quintana Roo stations ever made it, simply because there were so few and there wasn't much there! (XEROO in March 1964 and an XEKX on 620 were about it for most of the 70s. Canc˙n's first radio station was an FM, XHCUN-FM, which signed on in 1979. Quite a few stations appeared in the 80s.)

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It appears as though XHINFO-FM 105.3 is slowly taking shape.
https://heraldodemexico.com.mx/opinion/cambios-en-la-radio/
The hires they've made clearly indicate they are going for the youth audience.

Joselo Fern·ndez Prieto and Rodrigo Gonz·lez Calvillo joined the crew setting up the new station owned by Eduardo Henkel. Fern·ndez Prieto had experience at CHRs before ó Radioactivo 98.5 and Pulsar 90.5, namely ó*and will be setting up the new station. They also plan to apparently refuse all public advertising (that they don't have to carry, of course). It looks like something fresh could soon be on the air, especially since this is essentially a new-from-scratch radio station (Raymie, ibid.)

Show me the IFT Document! AKA, show me the beef!!

In researching transmitter locations, sometimes you come across a station in MÈxico that sticks out like a sore thumb but you can't find a single document on the AM or FM assignment. Are they a grandfathered assignment that SCT/Cofetel/IFT never bothered to keep track of an authorization, thus not being on the IFT website (or maybe....a pirate) ?

Case in point - XEUAG 840 AM & 90.7 FM, Radio Universidad AutÛnoma de Guerrero

Web - https://xeuag840.jimdo.com/
FB - https://www.facebook.com/xeuag840/posts/198712830165591
Google Maps street view - https://www.google.com/maps/@17.5567861,-99.5049382,3a,75y,274.62h,110.91t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1s0-nqto7GtprCkUDw-JVFkg!2e0!7i13312!8i6656

And attached, their web-stream TOH. Is this a pirate station or an *already known about* assignment that someone lost track of? Please somebody, show me the beef - uhhh - documents!

UPDATE: Raymie told me he wrote a Wikipedia page on this station. It is a pirate station and is very curious that a University entity would want to operate an illegal radio station. It makes me wonder what kind of message the university is sending to its students - that maybe its okay to conduct business illegally? IF you read Raymie's Wikipedia page, you will see this is a very complicated situation with this radio station. Link: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radio_Universidad_Aut%C3%B3noma_de_Guerrero

Attached Files
File Type: mp3 XEUAG 840 AM 90.7 FM.mp3 (830.7 KB, 3 views)

Last edited by Jim Thomas; 11-20-2017 at 10:18 AM. Reason: Update from Raymie (Jim Thomas, Springfield, MO, Ozark Mountain DTV dxing Daredevil, Dx Equipment - AntennaCraft MXU59 UHF antenna & homebrew version of AntennaCraft Y10-7-13 VHF antenna @ 25'. Both antennas fed through a Winegard HDP-269 12dB pre-amp; a Zenith DTT901 converter box & a Silicon Dust HDHomerun Dual ATSC tuner, using Rabbitears autologger support, Nov 19, ibid.)

So this one is a history unto itself. It's the dean of Mexican pirates.

To start to explain this one, we have to go back to the early 70s, when rector RosalÌo Wences Reza (who served from 1972-75, 1978-81 and 1984-87; rectors of Mexican universities serve terms) brought to the Universidad AutÛnoma de Guerrero the concept of a "Universidad-Pueblo" (Popular University), supported by the Mexican Communist Party. This is an important point.

A lot of universities, hotbeds as they were for regime protest, were shut out of getting into radio. The Universidad AutÛnoma de Puebla had been pursuing a station since 1965; by the early 80s, they had been told they could not get an AM but FM frequencies were available. As most Mexican radio listening of the time was on AM, they refused. Ultimately, in 1997, they took delivery of a permit for XHBUAP-FM 96.9. (This article from Proceso http://www.proceso.com.mx/135497/radiodifusoras-universitarias-no-la-de-un-sobrino-de-jlp-si

simultaneously covers the university stations in Puebla and Guerrero, as well as the start of the 27-year concession fight for XHCAN-FM.)

A university official is quoted in that article as saying, "Unofficially, it's said, and we know it, that because we're a progressive university, it's thought that the station would serve as a medium to foment agitation in the state". Additionally, the Universidad AutÛnoma de Zacatecas presented a proposal to build an FM station in the late 80s and was denied for similar reasons, and they wanted an AM in order to adequately serve rural areas ó apparently these petitions go back to 1973. http://www.proceso.com.mx/136005/tendencia-a-mantener-silenciadas-a-las-universidades-populares

Back in Chilpancingo, in the late 70s, the university wanted to build a radio station. At the time, the Chilpancingo area had just two radio stations: XELI and XEPI (in Tixtla), which both signed on in 1961. (Keep in mind as you read this that Chilpancingo is the capital of the state of Guerrero!) The SCT told them that there was no room for additional radio stations in Guerrero,

http://www.proceso.com.mx/134117/radio-universidad-pueblo
which was a blatant lie. (XEZUM 1050, XECHH 650, and XECHG 680 were all authorized in the early 1990s, further proving the point.)

The university was so frustrated with the SCT's denial ó the agency ultimately admitted that "confidential reasons" prevented the awarding of the permit ó that it decided to just get on the air. Radio Universidad-Pueblo, as it was known, went on the air May 4, 1982, transmitting on 880 kHz; simultaneously, the university filed an amparo claiming that the SCT's refusals violated its right to freedom of expression. Almost immediately, unknown parties began jamming the new station's signal. Constant frequency changes were required just to keep a listenable signal on the air.

Ultimately, on December 15, the university put in place OperaciÛn Bucanero, which aimed to combat the pirates by operating a second transmitter on 1180 kHz.

As if that weren't enough, the Guerrero state government suddenly showed an appetite for radio. The first permitted public radio station in the state, XEGRO-AM, signed on 870 kHz in early 1983. The university was even more fed up now, and instead of simply moving to another position on the dial, they first opted to broadcast from different cities in Guerrero, including Acapulco, Ciudad Altamirano, and Taxco, then returned to Chilpancingo in May on 840.

Our story does not end there, because another arm of the federal government waded in. The Secretariat of Public Education had stopped paying the university, spurring a budget crisis. Nobody at the UAGro got a salary in 1984. In order to get funding for 1985, the SEP ordered the university to get out of broadcasting, which they did on January 15, 1985 (amid much protest from university students). That could very well have been the end of this entire adventure, but the SEP didn't exactly keep their end of the bargain.

In 1987, Wences Reza finished his third and final term as rector, and RamÛn Reyes Carreto, the new head of the university, decided that if the SEP was not going to do their part, the university wasn't either. In June, Radio Universidad (no more Pueblo) came back on the air.

In 2012, the university opted to build a pirate FM ó 90.7 ó to serve as a combo. Chilpancingo has a high proportion of AM-FM combos because of its terrain and a number of operating pirates, including one with a social community concession application before the IFT (Digital con Sentido Social 106.3, A.C.).

Proceso just last year called radio in Guerrero "a commercial gold mine",

http://www.proceso.com.mx/454701/la-radio-en-guerrero-botin-comercial
mentioning not only 90.7 but also a station with santerÌa programming
on 102.9, as well as the dismantling of the aforementioned 106.3
(Raymie, Nov 20, ibid.)

A quick little update on HD Radio. [IBOC]

There was a seminar and demonstration event in Mexico City this week,
http://www.tvyvideo.com/201711218000/noticias/empresas/seminario-analizo-avances-de-digitalizacion-de-radio-am-y-fm.html
and some of the attendees portend additional interest (forced or
otherwise) in HD Radio in Mexico.

Among the attendees of note for HD expansion are NRM, Televisa, Radyo
Oro (Puebla), Radiorama, Stereo Uno (XHMSL-FM), Grupo FÛrmula and a
Radio AlegrÌa (not sure which one).

The second-wave migrants being authorized must transmit in HD Radio as
one of the conditions of migration. I am not sure if this is the case
yet at XHCH-FM 89.3, the only second-wave migrant currently on the
air, which would be the first HD Radio station in Toluca.

The HD Radio MÈxico Facebook page has liked both Stereo Uno and Radyo
Oro. The latter owns a second-wave migrant, XECD-AM 1170. The former
seems to be very likely to be implementing HD soon judging by both of
these items. Their Facebook likes include participating car
manufacturers and HD Radio stations.

Another reason for Stereo Uno interest in HD Radio is that one of the
two stations Luz Network (dba EnergÌa Radial en ComunicaciÛn) won in
IFT-4 must be built with HD Radio, XHPNAS-FM 94.1 Navolato. (Navolato
is 20 miles from Culiac·n, so a rimshot attempt may be in play.) The
El Fuerte station on 95.3 did not include an IBOC incentive.

Speaking of 95.3 in Los Mochis, there's currently a religious pirate
operating on the frequency just waiting to be blown out of the water
by Luz Network. This station, calling itself UniÛn Radio, even went as
far as to take a fake callsign, XHFEL-FM.
https://www.facebook.com/unionlosmochisradio/

The problem is that XHFEL-FM already exists at San Felipe de Jes˙s,
Sonora, in the Radio Sonora state network. They won't be so FELiz when
they find out. Their Chihuahua sister pirate on 98.1 doesn't claim a
callsign.
https://www.facebook.com/unionradio98.1/

[tagline:] Este programa es p˙blico, ajeno a cualquier partido
polÌtico. Queda prohibido el uso para fines distintos a los

establecidos en el programa (Raymie, Nov 23, ibid.)

** MOLDOVA. Radio Moldova Aktualtati [sic] with news in Russian on Nov 13 at 1900-1915 UT with special announcement "... that the Christmas will be celebrated in Moldova for the first time ever on 25th of Dec as that is in Romania, Bulgaria and most of the Christian World and on 24 Dec with special Eve parade in Chisinau ...". [WTFK???? gh]

At 1915-1945 UT was the program of radio Free Europe in Russian, as they said "... to the region of Pridnestrovye ...". All above was heard on MW 873 \\ 1494 kHz. By the way in Tiraspol there is DST and Normal Winter time as it is in Moldova & Ukraine. In Crimea, Abkhazia & South Osetia all time in year is DST as in Moscow (Rumen Pankov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 15) (BC-DX 18 Nov via DXLD)

This would be a lot clearer if the UT offsets were simply cited (gh)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 9400, KBC (Kostinbrod [BULGARIA]) 1505-1546 fade 11 Nov. Pleased to catch most of Eric's "Giant Jukebox" on KBC's Euro-beam with songs from Commander Cody, The Fireballs, Reel Big Fish + KAE's digital text modes; received a nice f/d eQSL in 1 day for an email report (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA PL380/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9400, KBC (Kostinbrod [BULGARIA]) 1505-1546 11 Nov. Surprised to find KBC mostly readable here with Eric's "Giant Jukebox" -- some very nice tunes [Commander Cody, Bill Haley, Reel Big Fish] & the programme was dedicated to the memory of KBC's "Fart Doctor", Ken Wood. Received a f/d eQSL in 1 day for this broadcast. Thanks, Uncle Eric! (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach CA, PL380/6m X wire, via Bob Wilkner, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** NEWFOUNDLAND [and non]. 5616-USB, Nov 19 at 0708, Gander Radio in quick contacts with several aircraft, for testing selcalls or position reports: El Al 026, American 718, AirTrans 378; referring the last to contact next Santa Maria (Azores) on 5598, or 3016 secondary. Each craft also heard, but generally weaker. It seems each selcall is associated with a fonetik 4-letter ``callsign``. 5598-USB also active with ATC, selcall tones (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. 11610, R New Zealand with English talx re children of icelibateî priests, & the story of how the church is trying to protect itself instead of the children. Estimate that there are tens of thousands of children fathered by Catholic priests out there. 3+54+4+4, 1144-1149 11/Nov, SPR-4 +longwire (Ken Zichi, MARE Brighton DXpedition, MARE Tipsheet 17 Nov via DXLD)

11610, R New Zealand I, 1125 Nov 11, AM, G, English, BBC produced

report on children of priests ìMy Father the Priestî (Jack Amelar, MARE Brighton DXpedition, MARE Tipsheet 17 Nov via DXLD)

7355, Nov 15 at 1404, pause amid news plugging how to file a formal complaint against RNZ (how helpful!), back to weather. No QRM from KNLS which buries itself under this signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. NIG…RIA, 6089.9, R. Nigeria, Kaduna, 2221-..., 07/11, lÌng. local, texto; 54444. Good DX and regards, (Carlos GonÁalves, SW coast of Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Seemingly the Thomcast / Ampegon technician Bodo DF8DX was on repair tour to various Nigerian installations last week?

6089.944 kHz, FRCN Radio Nigeria Kaduna now with excellent audio modulation, S=7-8 signal, Flute music and drums at 0555 UT on Nov 18, but couldn't confirm by livestream on web
http://ww2.radionigeria.gov.ng/home2.php
Gedja-ETH co-ch was rather 6089.999 kHz at same time JBA S=2-3 signal.

7254.939, Voice of Nigeria, Hausa language scheduled at 0606 UT on Nov 18, S=7-8 strength noted in all Europe remote SDRs which I connected in hurry. Also improved audio signal observed today [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 18, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD)

7254.94, V. of Nigeria. End of pop/dance song at 2050 and W announcer in presumed Hausa with ID and talk with mentions of Nigeria and ìNDIC Lagosî. Absolutely massive signal and obviously free of the hams that were and always QRM earlier. 15 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. Log: Voice of Nigeria DRM 15120 --- Hallo zusammen, heute nach 1800 zum ersten Mal seit Monaten wieder VON in DRM auf 15120 kHz, nur leider in Europa so schwach, dass man es auch schon wieder knicken kann. Nach ¸ber 50 Jahren haben sie es immer noch nicht raus, dass 19m am Abend im Winter f¸r den Europadienst nichts taugt.

Tonight, Nov. 21, from 1800 UT, I heard Voice of Nigeria in DRM on 15120 for the first time in months. However, the signal is quite weak throughout Europe. Winter conditions... Voice of Nigeria apparently does not have a concept of this phenomenon, after over 50 years of broadcasting to Europe on 19m. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, Nov 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Perfect decode here in Tennessee at 1902, news by woman (Brandon Jordan, ibid.)

** NIGERIA [non]. Radio Dandal Kura Int via BaBcoCk Ascension/Woofferton, Nov 16
0500-0700 on 5960 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg to WeAf Kanuri
0700-0800 on 13810 WOF 250 kW / 165 deg to WeAf Kanuri
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/radio-dandal-kura-int-via-babcock.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 15-16, dxldyg via DXLD)

Radio Dandal Kura Int via BaBcoCk Ascension on Nov 17
1800-2100 on 12050 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg to WeAf Kanuri, fair/good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/radio-dandal-kura-int-via-babcock_18.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 17, dxldyg via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6950.56, Nov 19 at 0242, pirate music, very poor. These for 6950.5 say it was Captain Morgan Shortwave until 0303*: https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,38786.0.html (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6770, Nov 19 at 0241, very poor Old Time Radio pirate. Usually it`s a JBA carrier at best, but sometimes can sound like OTR, with audience applause, laughter; from some secret radio museum (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 7470, is YHWH back? See UNIDENTIFIED [WORLD OF RADIO 1905] No, it`s something else

** NORWAY. 1314, The Norwegian Listeners Club (DXLC) has financed a new 1 kW transmitter for LLE-2 Bergen. The transmitter has been on the air since October 6th 2017 Sundays 10-1400. Svenn Martinsen has started crowdfunding for a new 1 kW transmitter to be used for LLE-4 1611 kHz Radio Northern Star (Svenn Martinsen, ARC 14.11.2017, mv-eko 20 Nov via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. 512, HMY, OK, Lexington heliport, 0259 12/Nov (Ken Zichi, MARE Brighton DXpedition, MARE Tipsheet 17 Nov via DXLD)

512 kHz, HMY, Lexington OK, SE OK Medical Center heliport; 0334, 1156 11/11 (HF-DXP)

515, PN, KPNC, Ponca City OK, Ponca City Regional A/P; 0006, 1154 11/11 (Harold Frodge, MARE Brighton DXpedition, Drake R8B + 500í bev, MARE Tipsheet 17 Nov via DXLD) A couple of my `locals` always in (gh)

** OKLAHOMA. 1390, Nov 16 at 1307 UT, KCRC Enid is open carrier/dead air, as are the nasty spurs hetting 1360 and 1420, but they are also wobbly. Still dead at 1313 UT; obviously no one in charge and no one

cares whether it modulate or not. Unfortunately, it usually does, 24/7 with stupid CBS sports talk. I take the opportunity to null the fundamental for anything else, but it`s still too strong, only a few miles away. Third harmonic 4170 also silent still at 1341 UT except for some hum. Had resumed modulation by next check 1522 UT (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 3270.3v, Nov 19 at 0232, the NRD-545 has one of numerous weak birdies, distinct from real carriers since they are always very slowly varying up or down, sometimes crossing/QRMing real DX. I had started calling these NRDies, but they are really caused by the Wellbrook antenna, since they disappear if I switch to the longwire (even tho the WB is still active and connected to the radio`s other antenna input). My apology for misblaming JRC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Since about Nov 15, Suddenlink cable in Enid has resumed stereo on OETA and OKLA. Maybe to celebrate the 110th anniversary of Oklahoma statehood, Nov 16, which otherwise went totally unnoticed, as our do-nothing, deadlocked, Republican-controlled legislature fails to address a severe financial crisis. Or not. By next check Nov 18, during a program known to have a stereo music soundtrack, Globe Trekker, back in mono, grrr! (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. RF 39, Nov 19 at 1356 UT, NO SIGNAL from KWTV OKC. Every Sunday I bring it up to record `CBS Sunday Morning`, but I have to revert to cable for it. I scan the RF channels and find everything else OK, including even some tropo bringing in RF 42, KBZC-LD from OKC. Maybe KWTV absence has something to do with implementing its repack QSY to RF 25? Not there yet. They will certainly have to replace or modify the antenna, probably requiring some downtime. I leave a TV tuned to RF 39 and by 1505 UT notice that KWTV is back on. No courtesy announcement crawler ever seen about this on KWTV via cable (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. FINALLY! I happen to be recording KFOR-27 {4} at 1600 UT November 19 just after Preet the Mess, when they flash their translator ID card for a hefty 4 seconds, so I freeze-frame it and copy the details. I`ve also snapped a still photo of it:

Unfortunately it`s on cable feed cutting off the edges, so I have to look up the towns in W9Wi.com to be sure they are correct. That makes it easy to add the {virtual} channel for each, and in many cases [+ additional KFOR relays shown in each town, as LIC, CP or APP]:

K43KU-D SEILING {16} [+ 19 {19}, 47 {19}, 19 {23}, 43 {43}, 47 {47}]
K31JQ-D WOODWARD {31} [+ 38 {14}, 38 {38}]
K20BR-D GAGE, etc. --- listed instead for substation KAUT with KFOR

Gage on K16DX {16}!
K17ID-D CHEROKEE & ALVA {17} [+ 16 {16} and 20 {20}]
K40JP-D SAYRE {23} [+ 40 {40}]
K23IZ-D STRONG CITY* {23}
K45JZ-D ELK CITY {32} [+ 45 {45}]
K14MU-D WEATHERFORD {14}
K35KE-D HOLLIS {35}

*``Strong City``? A negligible hamlet of 47, 2010 census, just NE of Cheyenne, not even in atlas index except the Rand McNally Large Scale, but it`s significant for weak DTV translators! (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [non]. 7490, check WBCQ UT Sat Nov 18 at 0400-0500 for `Broad Spectrum Radio`, as per their new schedule, our only chance to hear it not quite in the middle of the night vs WRMI scheduling. Seems strange, as WBCQ has long carried `Financial Survival` during this hour, UT Tue-Sat and still shows on their schedule, no BSR.

Or rather, the BSR website has been changed since I last quoted it; showing current date Nov 17 and time:
http://broadspectrumradio.com/about-bsr/shortwave-radio-schedule/bsr-international-shortwave-broadcasts/
Now WRMI is NOT mentioned, and times on WBCQ and Channel 292 are TBA! (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [non]. 7490, UT Sat Nov 18 at 0438, I check the webcast of this WBCQ, and hear: Brother HyStairical! This is the hour originally publicized for Broad Spectrum Radio, later removed from their website for ``TBA``. It`s also the hour still showing on the WBCQ sked for `Financial Survival` coin-pushers UT Tue-Sat, so is that totally gone from this WBCQ timing??

If awake, one should also check for BSR, Monday 07-08 UT on WRMI 5850 & 7730, when I axually encountered it without warning last Monday Nov 13, and that was subsequently added to the WRMI skedgrid, but removed from the BSR website for TBA, the last time I checked.

NO, it`s back at
http://broadspectrumradio.com/2017/11/10/bsr-international-radio-magazine-show-november-2017/
but refers to dates Nov 11-18 only. And I no longer see a page saying all their SW broadcast times are TBA. So we can only wonder what`s really going on with this program and its scheduling (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn & everyone else, Sorry to be late responding. Life has been good but way too busy of late. So, here's the latest news...

For November and December, BSR is airing a monthly one hour show.

The November times have already aired (except we may get some free reruns on WRMI, likely also on Mondays 0700-0800 UT). The November scheduled broadcasts were:

For Eastern North America, the Caribbean, Central America and beyond:
Listen via WBCQ, 7490 kHz.
Saturday November 12, 2017, 04-05:00 UTC (Friday Nov. 11th, 22-23:00 CST)

For Western North America, Mexico, New Zealand, Australia and Oceania:
Listen via WRMI, 7730 kHz.
Monday November 13, 2017, 07-8:00 UTC (01-2:00 CST)

For Most of North America, Alaska and far Eastern Russia:
Listen via WRMI, 5850 kHz.
Monday November 13, 2017, 07-8:00 UTC (01-2:00 CST)

For Europe (as far east as Russia), the Middle East, North Africa and Atlantic Canada:
Listen via Channel 292, 6070 khz.
Saturday November 18, 16-17:00 UTC (10-11:00 CST)

For December 2017, the times we have scheduled are:

For Eastern North America, the Caribbean, Central America and beyond:
Listen via WBCQ, 7490 kHz.
Saturday Dec. 10, 2017, 04-05:00 UTC (Friday Dec 9th, 22-23:00 CST)

For Western North America, Mexico, New Zealand, Australia and Oceania:
Listen via WRMI, 7730 kHz.
Monday Dec 11, 2017, 07-8:00 UTC (01-2:00 CST)

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Listen via WRMI, 5850 kHz.
Monday Dec 11, 2017, 07-8:00 UTC (01-2:00 CST)
[hotlinx to wrmi.com but it`s wrmi.net; .com is for sale, but has some cruise linx which would satisfy wrmi]

For Europe (as far east as Russia), the Middle East, North Africa and Atlantic Canada:
Listen via Channel 292, 6070 khz.
Saturday December 16, 16-17:00 UTC (10-11:00 CST)

As for 2018 plans, it will depend to some degree on listener response that I receive from the Nov-Dec shows. From what I've seen so far, I'm

pretty certain that the WRMI and Channel 292 broadcasts will continue, less sure about WBCQ; WBCQ has great folks there that I love to work with, but the value (cost for potential listeners) isn't as good as the other two stations.

Thanks for listening and thanks for the reception reports. They are appreciated! (James Branum, BroadSpectrumRadio.com Nov 19, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Just heard from James Branum about `Broad Spectrum Radio` scheduling: for now it is monthly and the next set will be December 10-16 at the same times as in November (tho there could be some repeats Mon 07-08 on WRMI 5850, 7730) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7730 // 5850, both VG, Mon Nov 20 at 0712, James Branum on `Broad Spectrum Radio` via WRMI, talking about draft resistance in World War I, especially in Oklahoma, and the centennial of the Green Corn Rebellion with a song about it. E.g., see: http://www.okhistory.org/publications/enc/entry.php?entry=GR022

This is a repeat of last week`s surprise monthly show, the first half of which I had not heard. Meanwhile James Branum explains that the next new BSR is to air during this hour on Dec 11 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, Radio Sultantate of Oman; 1407-1421+, 11/11; English news to 1410 ìProphesy [sic] Fulfilledî with platitudes; 1411; ìHealth Talkî with lengthy feature on gastritis; 1420+ promo for Ramadan On-Air Contest to English pop tune. SIO=3+44, with co-channel music, studio bleed? Nothing else listed (Harold Frodge, MARE Brighton DXpedition, Drake R8B + 500í bev, MARE Tipsheet 17 Nov via DXLD)

15140, R. Sultanate of Oman, 1438, SIO-333, English program, Doctor interviewed by woman reporter about retirement, ID, promo for "Oman Today." 11/11) (Karl Racenis, MI, MARE Tipsheet 17 Nov via DXLD)

15140, R Oman NOT there at ToH check, but in by 1408 recheck, with English news, including much about Trumpís visit to the Philippines then ìProphesy [sic] Fulfilledî with words of wisdom from ìHis Majestyî about the worth of people. Then Health talk with a discussion of gastritis that Harold & I were waiting to hear devolve into fart jokes, but that never happened. 1420 reminder to pick up your prize if you won one during their Ramadan contest then Pop music. ìOman FMî non-ID at BoH & slogan ìItís not just the musicî. Then ìOman Todayî with talx re mental health. 3+5444, 1408-1443, 11/Nov, SPR-4 +longwire (Ken Zichi, MARE Brighton DXpedition, MARE Tipsheet 17 Nov via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. PNG GOVT SEEKS PROVINCIAL HELP FOR NBC

REDEVELOPMENT --- 8:22 pm on 21 November 2017

The Papua New Guinea minister of information and communication technology is calling on provincial governments to help save the national broadcaster.

Many remote communities in Pacific island countries rely on shortwave radio. Photo: RNZI [caption of a crummy Panasonic AM/FM/SW radio with slide-rule tuning! But on the AM band. Model number blurred, RF-1750?? gh]

Sam Basil praised the NBC's election coverage and said it was remarkable that this was achieved despite ageing infrastructure and limited financial resources.

He said that elected leaders now need to assist the broadcaster in replacing its equipment.

According to Mr Basil, the NBC has been directed to investigate putting shortwave transmitters into all the provincial stations.

He said shortwave was still the most effective means of radio communication for PNG, given the rugged terrain and vast maritime environment.

Mr Basil claimed he would be asking provincial governments to help with the costs of the shortwave installation (via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** PERU. 4764.08, Per˙, Radio Huanta 2000, 2345 to 0000 om chat under CODAR, 18 November (Wilkner)

4955, Per˙, Radio Cultural Amauta, Huanta, 2350 yl vocalist, 0000 tentative ID by yl, mx 0003 slow ballad to 0030 18/19 November (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, noise reducing antenna, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 5980, R. Chaski, Cuzco, 2228-2237, 03/11, castelhano, propag. relig.; 35332. Good DX and regards, (Carlos GonÁalves, SW coast of Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 5980, Nov 21 at 2251, JBA carrier, which is probably Radio Chaski during its hour in the clear; overcome at *2257 by much stronger AM carrier from Romania, this time switching to contrary-to-schedule DRM noise after a few seconds, rather than waiting until 2300 or later. Can no longer make out Chaski carrier underneath it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 6173.87, R. Tawantinzuyo. Sounded like news program by M

1038, then ads including a probable promo for f˙tbol with M screaming a very long apparent ìgoalî and mentioning Puno at 1040. More ads. Back to news with M at 1045. Weak and too much adjacent QRM. 16 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. MOLDOVA, Trans World Radio India via Grigoriopol, Nov 17:
1345-1445 on 9950 KCH 300 kW / 100 deg to SoAs various, strong
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/trans-world-radio-india-via-grigoriopol.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 17, dxldyg via DXLD)
Causes ACI to 9955 WRMI even over here (gh, OK, DXLD)

** PUERTO RICO. Good morning Glenn; this is Hector NP4FW. Just last night, I got my internet service back. Glenn, this is the worst disaster I have ever seen in my 72 years of age. The country is just devastated. A huge part of Puerto Rico, still has no water or power ever since Hurricane Irma. Everything is coming up slowly but slowly.

I have power at home, water running OK and as I said, internet since yesterday; but the folks very near us in a humble community that exists very near my urbanization is just as dark as the night. I went with my wife to a local shopping mall last night to relax a little and had dinner there with her. All of a sudden, bingo, power went off and when I got home, I just heard the familiar smell of diesel, gasoline, the tip of a flashlight, etc., etc., etc.

But there is a saying here in Spanish that goes like this: "to bad weather a happy face" so I went to bed just to find power had come again. But as the guys at the National Guard used to say, "here I am, awake and sober" hi hi.

A week prior Hurricane Maria, I sold my MB5A ant (just afraid of climbing to my roof top one day and fall) so I did not lose my gear. A day after Maria, I climbed up and placed my 40 meters dipole to enjoy radio using a car battery. A G5RV dipole is on its way and a new TS-590S is here shining.

Thanks for saying hi to me, Glenn, I appreciate. Best 73s (Hector (Luigi) PÈrez, PR, Nov 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hector, glad that things are getting better altho far too slowly. I was hoping you were not too severely affected. Best wishes! (Glenn to HLP, via DXLD)

The last word we got among the federal civil servants who are on layoff is non-defense agencies that are not Social Security or Medicare are having to cut another $44 billion from their budgets to shore up FEMAís accounts as well as add money for GSAís Public Buildings Service to fix federal installations in Puerto Rico. This may mean extended layoffs at the IRS for their 1-800 phone staffís seasonal reservists, cutting back on USDA extension services, as well as maybe cutting back at Corporation for Public Broadcasting depending upon where the Office of Management and Budget finds cash and re-sets priorities. I get to wait and see.

None of those billions would be for a debt cram down for the island. The territoryís government is in receivership. Its debt is 3.89 times the size of the entire FY2017 budget for NASA and a little over 105 times what the Broadcasting Board of Governors asked for in their FY2018 request (Stephen Michael Kellat, KC8BFI, dxldyg via DXLD)

So what is your point? That the rest of US should abandon PR? We conquered it; we own it (gh, DXLD)

** PUERTO RICO. PUERTO RICO UPDATE POST HURRICANE MARIA

More than six weeks after Hurricane Maria, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (Fema) is still hobbled by the lack of electricity and reliable cell and internet service - stopping Puerto Ricans from accessing assistance they desperately need. 38% of cellular phone sites are still off air. 750,000 homes & businesses still have no power.

14/11/17

AM

42 AM radio stations are confirmed operational
(WA2X, WABA, WALO, WAPA, WBMJ, WCMN, WCGB, WCPR, WDEP, WENA, WEXS, WGDL, WI2X, WI2X, WI3X [sics ñ can`t handle more than 4 chars.?], WIAC, WIPR, WISO, WKAQ, WKFE, WKJB, WKUM, WLEO, WLEY, WMDD, WMNT, WMSW, WOIZ, WOQI, WORA, WPAB, WPPC, WPRA, WPRP, WSKN, WSOL, WTIL, WUNO, WUPR, WVJP, WXEW, WYEL)

8 AM radio stations are suspected to be out of service
(W227 [sic], WJDZ, WNVE, WVQR, WYAS, WZCA, WZMT, WZOL)

21 AM radio stations are confirmed out of service by the Puerto Rican Broadcast Association
(WBQN, WCMA, WDNO, WEGA, WFAB, WGIT, WHOY, WIBS, WIDA, WISA, WIVV, WJIT, WKVM, WLRP, WNEL, WNIK, WOLA, WOSO, WQBS, WRSJ, WUKQ)

1 AM radio station has unconfirmed status

2 AM radio stations have been issued Special Temporary Authority to be offline

FM

55 FM radio stations are confirmed operational
(WAEL-FM, WCAD, WCMN-FM, WCMNFM3, WCMN-FM6, WEGM, WERR, WERR-FM1, WERR-FM2, WERR-FM3, WFDT, WFID, WIDI, WIRI, WIVA-FM, WKAQ-FM, WKAQ-FM1, WKAQ-FM2, WLUZ, WMAA-LP, WMEG, WMIO, WNNV, WNRT, WNRT-FM1, WNRT-FM2, WNVM, WODA, WORO, WOYE, WPRMFM, WPUC-FM, WPUC-FM1, WQML, WRIO, WRRH, WRTU, WRXD, WTOK-FM, WTOK-FM2, WTPM, WTPM-FM1, WVDJ-LP, WVIE, WVIS, WVJP-FM, WVJP-FM2, WXYX, WXYXFM1, WXYX-FM2, WZAR, WZIN, WZNT, WZNT-FM1, WZOL)

8 FM radio stations are suspected to be out of service
(W227CV, WJDZ, WNVE, WVQR, WYAS, WZCA, WZMT, WZOL-FM3)

17 FM radio stations are confirmed out of service by the Puerto Rican Broadcast Association
(WCAD-FM1, WCAD-FM2, WCRP, WELX, WIDA-FM, WIOA, WIOA-FM1, WIOC, WNIK-FM, WQBS-FM, WQBS-FM1, WUKQ-FM, WUKQ-FM1, WXHD, WXLX, WYQE, WZET)

3 FM stations have been issued Special Temporary Authority to be offline

28 FM radio stations have unconfirmed status

TV

5 TV stations are confirmed operational (WKAQ, WIPR, WNJX, WTIN, WORO)
2 TV stations are suspected to be out of service (WIPM, WELU)
70 TV stations have been issued Special Temporary Authority to be offline
30 TV stations have unconfirmed status
(via Steve Whitt, Nov 15, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

Source not stated!! But I soon search intro on a key phrase, to:
https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/nov/09/six-weeks-after-hurricane-maria-puerto-ricans-still-waiting-for-help-from-fema

Or rather part of the lead graf matches word for word, but no station listings, rather a long text story.

The station info reads like something only the FCC could provide, and searching on a string of call letters leads to a 9-page pdf covering more than just radio/TV toward the end; apparently issued daily or at

least week-daily, this one is dated Nov 17, so a bit more recent than MWC had:

As prepared by the Federal Communications Commission: November 17, 2017 11:30 a.m.
Communications Status Report for Areas Impacted by Hurricane Maria
November 17, 2017

The following is a report on the status of communications services in geographic areas impacted by Hurricane Maria as of November 17, 2017 at 11:00 AM EDT.

This report incorporates network outage data submitted by communications providers to the Federal Communications Commissionís Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS).

DIRS is currently activated for all counties in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Note that the operational status of communications services during a disaster may evolve rapidly, and this report represents a snapshot in time. It should also be noted that some communications providers have not yet reported in DIRS, so outage information almost certainly is not complete.

The following counties are in the geographic area that was covered by the DIRS activation as of this morning (the ìdisaster areaî) . . .
http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db1117/DOC-347826A1.pdf
(via gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD)

** PUERTO RICO. 1490, WDEP, PR, Ponce ñ Granted STA, U1 1000/1000, Hurricane Maria damage (AM Switch, NRC DX News Nov 27, published Nov 18, via DXLD)

** PUERTO RICO. Formerly silent stations informing the FCC that they are back on the air: 1350, WEGA, PR, Vega Baja ñ Silent Sept. 20; back on the air with STA Nov. 13

Stations informing the FCC that they are silent:
810, WKVM, PR, San Juan ñ Silent, presumably since Sept. 20 Hurricane MarÌa (AM Switch, NRC DX News Nov 27, published Nov 18, via DXLD)

** ROMANIA. RRI Bucharest Rumaenien, es gibt viele Hinweise, dass die Kennzeichnung fuer DRM Mode Programme nicht mit der HFCC Requestkennzeichnung in der Database Tabelle uebereinstimmt, jetzt um 19 UT umgekehrt:

Deutsch 6180 kHz in AM mode, 7235 kHz dagegen in DRM Mode! 5955 kHz um 1900 UT Italienisch DRM (!) aus Saftica site in Rumaenien. (wb df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 14) (BC-DX 18 Nov via DXLD) see also PERU 5980

** RUSSIA. TATARSTAN. THE FIRST MUSLIM TELEVISION IN RUSSIA WILL APPEAR IN TATARSTAN BY THE END OF THE YEAR

Doom Tatarstan began producing content for the first Muslim television in Russia. First, the project will be implemented on the Internet, by the end of the year, Muslim television will step into the cable networks.

As Rimat Khamidullin, an adviser to the Mufti of Tatarstan on information policy, told RBC-Tatarstan, the idea of creating a Muslim television belongs to the mufti of the republic Kamil khazrat Samigullin. "The creation of Muslim television has been spoken for many years. Unfortunately, the problem was not solved. Now the mufti has set before us the task of working in this direction more actively. At the moment, content is being created for television. In the near future we plan to launch a cycle of projects on the Internet, in the future, access to cable television. We also have internet radio "Azan". The implementation of all projects will be completed within a year, "Hamidullin said.

The interlocutor of RBC-Tatarstan noted that earlier the Spiritual Board of Muslims of Tatarstan and Tattelecom had begun negotiations on the creation of cable television for disseminating the values of traditional Islam for Russia. As it was noted at the meeting of representatives of the DUM of the republic and the operator, today the Muslim TV channel "Khuzur TV" broadcasts on the Internet, which could be used for cable distribution. Thanks to an agreement with the leadership of TV companies TNV and GTRK "Tatarstan", the Muslim television channel was given the archive of all Islamic programs in the last 20 years in Russian and Tatar.

As for the contents of the programs of the Muslim television channel, the emphasis will be placed on educational, anti-extremist and patriotic programs.
Author: Svetlana Burakova.
https://rt.rbc.ru/tatarstan/freenews/58f4bd7a9a7947c48799560a
(via Rus-DX 19 Nov via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [non]. FRANCE ======== On the CÙte d'Azur of France there is Radio Baikal. Its employees claim that this is the first Russian radio in Europe and expresses confidence that over time this network will spread across all European countries.

As Baikal Info informs, the first step has already been taken: in

November Radio Baikal will start broadcasting in London. The creator of this radio is Alexander Tyunikov, a well-known person in Irkutsk, one of the founders of the holding "AS" Baikal TV".

- Tell us, how did the idea to create such a not quite simple project as Radio Baikal appeared?

- I was always interested in the question of why we have foreign radio stations in Russia, for example, such as Energy, "Europe Plus", Nostalgie, and in Europe there is no radio. And when I began to visit Europe more often, I got the idea of creating a Russian radio here. Frequency resource they are completely busy. We have more, because the size of the country allows, and there the state is on the state. They interfere with each other, and it is almost impossible to find a free frequency in the FM band. Therefore, my idea, most likely, would have remained unrealized, if from the year 2015 in Europe the digital radio would not have developed at a fast pace. There was a real chance to go to Europe with your project. And I could not deny myself the pleasure of trying to make my dream come true.

First it turned out to launch a Russian-French radio on the French Riviera of France. It still works and is called Nice Radio, that is, Radio Nice. And a year later, a Russian-language "Radio Baikal" was added to it. After that, I had an obsession to launch a Russian-language radio network called Radio Baikal in Europe, and in November I plan to start broadcasting Radio Baikal in London.

- Is there any kind of concept in Radio Baikal?

- We chose a universal concept: just a Russian-language radio for everyone - from children to the elderly. We have Russian and foreign hits. On weekends, under the heading "Hit Weekend", there are hits of the 70s and 80s for the older generation.

Almost every hour there are local and international news, which are written in the studio of media holding "AS" Baikal TV". At the studio in France, French journalists work, which collect local news, prepare material, send it to Irkutsk. We translate them and write them down in Russian.

There is a very popular program "Znai our!". On the CÙte d'Azur in Monaco, there are a lot of festivals and other events. Many Russian celebrities live here. Accordingly, we invite the stars on the air. The program is broadcast live from five to seven in the evening.

The program "Direct Communication" goes online. On a direct connection with the audience is a psychologist. It helps people to solve some controversial issues. For example, a common theme is marriage with

foreigners. The concept of the Radio Baikal program in London and in the following European cities will be absolutely the same.

- Which cities can you name?

- The project "Radio Baikal" is long, very voluminous in terms of finances and time. But the beginning has already been laid, and, I think, the project has a very good prospect. Next in line are Italy, Greece, Austria, the Baltic States and Finland.

Russian-language radio abroad is necessary. It desperately needs our compatriots abroad, and just Russian-speaking people. He is listened to in cars, on the Internet. Many people even started buying stationary radios to listen to our radio not only in the car, but also at home. Frankly, I did not even expect that Russian radio is so necessary for our people abroad.

- How did the French audience react to the appearance of Radio Baikal?

- The French immediately became very interested in our radio and our music. Periodically, messages come with a request to repeat some Russian song. Or they are just interested in the name and the performer. The main difference between Radio Baikal and other radio stations is that it is unique for Europe. It is Russian. In Paris, there is an Armenian radio on the air, but until now in Europe there was no real Russian.

- Russian celebrities come to visit you. And were there French or European?

"In-Grid came to visit us." She was on Nice Radio and Radio Baikal. All the stars, who come, we try to call to ourselves. Celebrities come to us regularly. There were Igor Ugolnikov, Tatyana Vedeneeva, actor Dmitriy Nazarov, the presenter of the program "The Man and the Law" Alexey Pimanov. If one of the foreign guests comes, then, of course, we remove the "Znai our!" Booklet and just do live broadcasting with it.

- How profitable is it to have a radio station in France?

- It's unprofitable. Over time, there was advertising, and its number is growing. But, unfortunately, communication services, studio rentals and taxes cover income. They do not allow you to do business. For me, this project is more for the soul than for the business. But with the development of the network, over time, when "Radio Baikal" will be in eighteen or twenty countries and cities, advertising on it will become more expensive. And perhaps this project will become a good business. But now the main thing is that our project at least pays off.

- So your main goal in this project is its payback?

- My main goal and dream is to launch Radio Baikal across Europe and Russia and make it interesting not only for Russian-speaking radio listeners, but also for all Europeans. And I'm very serious about realizing this dream.
baikal-daily.ru
http://onair.ru/main/enews/view_msg/NMID__67520/ ìRUS-DX PLUSî
(via Rus-DX 19 Nov via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [and non]. RUSSIA SAYS RADIO FREE EUROPE, VOICE OF AMERICA RISK 'FOREIGN AGENT' TAG --- 16 November 2017 - 18H30

http://www.france24.com/en/20171116-russia-says-radio-free-europe-voice-america-risk-foreign-agent-tag

(c) AFP/File | "We will continue our journalistic work," Radio Liberty vowed, defending its "objective and honest" reporting [caption]

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia's justice ministry said Thursday it had warned US-funded Voice of America and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty they risked being legally forced to label themselves as "foreign agents."

The justice ministry said on its website that it had contacted Voice of America and Radio Free Europe as well as a number of their subsidiaries active in Russia on Wednesday and Thursday to warn them "of their possible recognition as 'foreign agents.'"

Russia is seeking to impose legal measures after Kremlin-funded RT television, which presents Moscow's take on international affairs, registered itself as a "foreign agent" in the United States under official pressure.

The justice ministry confirmed earlier reports in state media citing "informed sources", which said Voice of America and Radio Free Europe risked being targeted.

Radio Liberty said in a statement on Wednesday that the Russian law could not be seen as a reciprocal measure as its journalists already face far greater obstacles in Russia than RT does in the United States.

"We will continue our journalistic work," it vowed, defending its "objective and honest" reporting.

The move came as a law that would pave the way for media to be branded as "foreign agents" has not yet been passed.

It was rushed through the lower house of parliament on Wednesday with unanimous backing and is set to be voted on in the Senate.

If passed, the Russian law will allow Moscow to target foreign media in the same way it has previously punished NGOs with international funding and "political activities.

It would force media organisations to label themselves as "foreign agents" on all paperwork and submit to intensive scrutiny of staffing and financing.

Rights groups fear it could have a chilling effect on the ability of outlets to carry out independent reporting.

After being passed by the Senate, expected this month, the "foreign agent" law would enter force immediately on being signed by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told journalists that it would allow Russia to issue "a very harsh response" to attacks on Russian media abroad. (c) 2017 AFP (via Mike Cooper, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 15285, BSKSA Riyadh, Swahili language section to EaAF on 11/10, good signal but shocking transmitter hum at 0607 UT. John Adams-QSL-AUS, ARDXC Nov "Australian DX News" via dxld Nov 7)

15285 kHz came across this MUCH BUZZY signal from BSKSA Riyadh at 0438 UT on Nov 16. NO CARRIER detected though, S=7-8 in Doha Qatar (backlobe), faulty shortwave TX at Riyadh, only Swahili program range observed at 15280.9 to 15287.3 kHz range. Many strings visible on Perseus SDR screen display 44(!) x 120 Hertz distance apart strings - TERRIBLE BUZZ AUDIO SOUND. Schedule requested 0400-0700 UT to ITU zones 48S, 52E, 53. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 16, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SINGAPORE. 9410, BBC (Kranji) *1500+ 10 Nov., 1526-31 12 Nov. Opening in Urdu with generic BBC ID into world news (Pres. Trump's Asian visit). On the 12th, caught the end of sports news (cricket, etc.) followed by "BBC Urdu Service he"

[and non]. 9510, BBC (Kranji), 1425-1429* 10 Nov. Heard the closing of the Hindi programme with BBC web info & "namaskar"; Vatican Radio *1430-1530* in Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam via Tinang opens with tone just before BBC signs off (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach CA, PL380/6m X wire, via Bob Wilkner, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020, SIBC, Honiara, 0650, 15-11,, now in air, pop

songs, extremely weak, only audible on LSB. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Log in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 6 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENNING DIGEST)

5020, SIBC, Honiara, 0720, 17-11, now on air, female with comments in English, pop songs in English, more comments. Weak. 14321 (MÈndez, ibid.))

On subsequent days, monitoring 9545:
15 November - very good at 0430 UT
16 November - no signal at 0432 UT
17 November - poor reception at 0410 UT (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai - New Zealand, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5020, SIBC (presumed), 1204 & 1340+, on Nov 18. Decent level carrier (dead air, with no audio), during this extend transmission (Ron Howard, San Francisco, at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALILAND. SOMALIA, Weak to fair signal of Radio Hargeysa in English, Nov 15 [English supposedly only 1320-1340 --- gh]
1230-1400 on 7120 HAR 100 kW / non-dir to EaAf English, QRM hams
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/weak-to-fair-signal-of-radio-hargeysa.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 15, dxldyg via DXLD)

7120, R. Hargeisa, 1853 M announcer with several mentions of Somaliland just before I started recording. Actuality by M then with mentions of Syria. 1855:05 mention of Somaliland and again, and again at 1855:35. 1857:50 mention of Hargeisa. Quite readable in quiet conditions. 15 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

7120, Nov 16 at 1318, R. Hargeisa, S8 with undermodulated song; 1320 I think I hear the English words ``This is ---`` as a third of an hour in English is scheduled to start now; more talk and music, but too weak, by long path (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Dave heard that too simultaneously, et al.:

7120, R. Hargeisa Weak with talk by M at 1306. 1306:50 canned announcement by W with Arabic [sic] music much more audible. 1308 Spanish SSB QRM. Getting better with AR music at 1318 as the sun was rising higher. Nice ìThis is R. Hargeisaî at 1320:10. Huge Ham CW signal on 7123 QRM. Could tell it was English news by same M at 1323. Sounded like another mention of R. Hargeisa at 1325:47. Drum solo briefly at 1325 then, and same M. M announcer much weaker by 1344

check. Still barely audible at 1354 amid the ham QRM. 16 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD)

7119.997, slightly lower side odd fq. R Hargeysa noted at S=6-7 -84dBm strength, at 0442 UT Nov 18 [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SOMALILAND [non]. 9600, MADAGASCAR, V of the People of Somaliland. Strong signal with usual music and opening ID announcement by M. 15 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD) NO TIME! (gh)

Voice of the People of Somaliland via BaBcoCk Madagascar, Nov 15 1900-1930 9600 MDC 250 kW / 355 deg to EaAf Somali, very good signal http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/voice-of-people-of-somaliland-via_16.html (Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 15-16, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD)

CLANDESTINE. 9600. Nov 17, 2017 at 1900-1907, Voice of People of Somaliland, Talata-Volonondry-MDG, in Somali. Man talks; 1902 Qur¥an chant; 1904 Man announcer talks. Station has a poor signal and barely audible modulation, 25321 (Rare moments, 25322). (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier, Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, Degen DE1103 & Tecsun S-2000, Longwire, radioescutas yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD) Later reported off?

** SOUTH AFRICA. New Channel Africa transmissions?? South African SABC has registered several new frequencies at HFCC, which may be new Channel Africa or "special" services, or wooden registrations (which they hadn't done so far). So please check the following, all with a target area of 47 = Central Africa (Cameroon, Chad, C.A.R., S„o TomÈ, Eq. Guinea), from Meyerton, in English?:

0500-0600 9655
0600-0700 11620
0700-0900 15170
1700-1800 11635
1800-1900 11630
1900-2000 9895
2000-2100 6165

Their own website does not reflect these additions (yet): http://www.channelafrica.co.za/sabc/home/channelafrica/frequencyfinder

73, Eike -- Posted by: Eike Bierwirth, 1602 UT Nov 15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Bill Bingham, RSA could not hear any of them (gh)

Nothing from 1700 on 11635 (Ivo Ivanov, ibid.)

New registered frequencies in HFCC Database of SABC
South African Broadcasting Corporation from Nov 15, all inactive:
0500-0600 on 9655 MEY 100 kW / 350 deg to CeAf, no signal Nov.16
0600-0700 on 11620 MEY 100 kW / 352 deg to CeAf, no signal Nov.16
0700-0900 on 15170 MEY 250 kW / 352 deg to CeAf, no signal Nov.16
1700-1800 on 11635 MEY 100 kW / 345 deg to CeAf, no signal Nov.15
1800-1900 on 11630 MEY 100 kW / 350 deg to CeAf, no signal Nov.15
1900-2000 on 9895 MEY 100 kW / 350 deg to CeAf, no signal Nov.15
2000-2100 on 6165 MEY 100 kW / 350 deg to CeAf, no signal Nov.15
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/new-registered-frequencies-of-south.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 15-16, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 11600, Nov 16 at 1945, Alex Scourby pontificating a Bible, an echo behind 11825 WRMI, i.e. The Overkiller Ministry, soon into BS himself; poor S2-S4, with RTTY QRM from 11595 avoided by USB tuning; but why in this doomed world bother? BULGARIA has reserved this frequency for one minute less than 24 hours; Kurdistan also on the HFCC books via KCH Moldova, 11600 currently not in use (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 5850, Nov 19 at 0235, tuning across WRMIBS, The OvermoleStair`s current idÈe fixe is needing 45 kilobux by next Tuesday to pay for uplinx to 4 satellites from Israel; ``I don`t like to ask for money at all`` --- coulda fooled me. GWBD (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. 855, R. Nacional de EspaÒa, 2135-2145 apparent news program with M host in Spanish and talk with correspondent on phone. 15 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** SPAIN. MW LOG: RNE Spain regional morning programs

MW: RNE Spain regional morning programs - MW RNE Spagna: programmi regionali di mattina, Log
https://playdxblog.blogspot.it/2017/11/spagna-ascoltiamo-i-programmi-regionali.html
Ciao (Giampiero Bernardini, Milan Italy, Nov 17, dxldyg via DXLD)

Hi Giampiero, The 0730-0800 slot is on R5TN network only. RNE-1 has national programing at the same time. Your list has frequencies

assigned to a wrong network: 567, 576, 603 are R5TN stations, not RNE-1. So, all stations you have listed with regional/local programing are in fact R5TN stations. The stations on 585, 612, 684 are broadcasting national prog. because are RNE-1 not R5.

As I have explained here some weeks ago, from past September is a decision of every regional what to do with this 0730-0800 break. Many regions are splitting it between regional and local news. And it seems that all are starting with the regional time until 0745, then local news. The exception seems to be Castilla y LeÛn where we are starting with the local news until 0750, leaving the last 10 minutes for the regionals from Valladolid (We are Salamanca, Zamora, LeÛn, Ponferrada, Valladolid, Palencia, Burgos, Soria and ¡vila). When I checked what were doing other regions (end of September) I could observe how some regions (Extremadura, AndalucÌa...) had suppressed the local slot, being regional all the time. I will check again next week.

The 0645-0700 break is all regional as it is a RNE-1 program rebroadcasted by R5TN. 73! (Mauricio Molano, Salamanca, ESPA—A - SPAIN
RX site: Aldea del Cano, C·ceres.
LAT: 39∫17'09.70 N   LONG: 6∫19'00 W
RX: PERSEUS.   ANT: WELLBROOK ALA1530S+
http://moladx.blogspot.com/ MWCircle yg via DXLD)

Dear Mauricio, thank you so much for you clear mail in which you explain the situation. It's important for abroad DXer interested in Spain MW. So I corrected the post in the PlayDX blog and I added your explanation too, leaving it in English. Let us know about your future checkings. Have nice time with radio, Friendly, Giampiero
(Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, ibid.)

** SRI LANKA. Fw: Trincomalee transmission
On Monday, 13 November 2017, 12:21, pino <pino@awr.org> wrote:

Dear Monitor, dear listener, Due to a lightning thunderstorm in Sri Lanka, the station is actually not broadcasting. We try to shift our transmissions as good as possible from other transmitter sites. Hope to continue already this week. We regret and remain faithful Pino
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(Nov 13, via Rumen Pankov, via Michael Bethge, via Wolfgang B¸schel,

Nov 15, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD)

FYI; I guess only happened yesterday Tuesday Nov 14th. Long way information from Trincomalee, via Colombo, Darmstadt-Germany, Sofia-BUL, wwdxc germany though ... 73, wolfie (B¸schel, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST) For how long? NO details. But proof we cannot always rely on listings/registrations (gh, ibid.)

** SUDAN [non]. FRANCE, 7250, Eye Radio to Sudan?, TDF Issoudun, in Sudanese Arabic probably. 04-05 UT slot heard at tune-in 0440-0458.00 TX off. S=9+20 strength here in western Europe. Sudan phone interview report heard [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. Reception of Radio Tamazuj & Radio Dabanga, Nov 15
Radio Tamazuj
1430-1530 on 13800 MDC 250 kW / 340 deg to EaAf Juba Arabic
1430-1530 on 15550 SMG 250 kW / 150 deg to EaAf Juba Arabic
Radio Dabanga
1530-1630 on 13800 MDC 250 kW / 340 deg to EaAf Juba Arabic
1530-1630 on 15550 SMG 250 kW / 150 deg to EaAf Juba Arabic
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/reception-of-radio-tamazuj-radio.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 15, dxldyg via DXLD)
Standard remark about Juba Arabic and difference between SUDAN SOUTH and SUDAN plain old, and their target broadcasts (gh, DXLD)

** SWAZILAND. Reception of Trans World Radio Africa via Manzini Nov 17
1557-1627 15105 MAN 100 kW / 013 deg SoAf [sic] Kirundi M-F, strong
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/reception-of-trans-world-radio-africa_18.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 17, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SWEDEN. RADIO STATION IN SWEDEN HIJACKED

Interesting news item from a CounterTerrorism Digest:

A Swedish radio station played an Isis propaganda tune after its frequency was hijacked by a pirate transmitter. Malmˆ residents who tuned into popular radio station Mix Megapol at around 8.30am on Friday suddenly found themselves listening to Isis recruitment song 'For the sake of Allah'. The song was played after the radio station's local airwaves were hijacked by an unknown offender, Bauer Media, which owns the station, confirmed after 24Malmˆ.se first reported the incident. "We will report this incident to the police and to the Swedish Post and Telecom Authority," marketing director Jakob Gravestam said in a press release. He confirmed to 24Malmˆ.se that the three-minute song ñ with lyrics trying to tempt Westerners into joining Isis with promises about maidens waiting in paradise for

fighters ñ was played for around 30 minutes. "It is of course very serious, especially as they played a song about recruitment for Isis," Gravestam added, admitting that it was very difficult to stop anyone with a pirate transmitter from hijacking a radio frequency. Mix Megapol is a commercial station which normally plays hits from the 80s, 90s, and early 2000s. Posted by: ("Bruce Churchill", Nov 16, dxldyg via DXLD) WTFK?

** TAIWAN. 7295.05 approx., Nov 15 at 1354, note an off-frequency carrier on the hi side, hetting an on-frequency one, but goes off by 1355 before I can measure it more accurately. HFCC has a likely candidate, 1330-1357 [sic], Babcock in Japanese, 300 kW, 352 degrees from Taiwan. But what is it, really? Consult NDXC/Aoki: Furusato no Kaze, 1330-1357, but in this case allegedly 300 kW, 2 degrees from Paochung, Taiwan site. And what else at this hour? No broadcaster except imaginary Yakutsk in HFCC. But 7295 is a favorite AM frequency for American hams (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. Receive an email from TRI. All in Chinese. Go to internet translator. Translates to the following (I'm sure it's not 100% correct). 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, VA, dxldyg via DXLD) Viz.:

*** translation follows [sic]

Minnan Face Book live call in Take prize event

What is 11? 11 with 22 is the absolute match! The number of the day is just the legend of the 1234 sprinkled flower ~ Firecrackers ~ Applause ~ Please note, November 22 Wednesday afternoon 3:00~4:00, ? South language face Book live call in this wonderful activity, let the fans have eat and catch!!! When the day is in the afternoon, the tea powder will be available for a small time, and the listener can be praised in sync, message and share, can also directly call, where the phone call, message and sharing, can receive the Hundred Companies Color cosmetics anniversary celebration, as well as printed with the central logo of the "Inbox", "Protect the folder" and the palace. Jade Cabbage key key ring, such as exquisite big prize! (For a detailed introduction to the "Central" Afternoon Tea "powder"), broadcast will be broadcast on November 25, "Water honered honered pop network ", you have the opportunity to listen to yourself and the voice of the other people in the theme of the ~?call in the main topic activity details are as follows: * Time: November 22, 2017 afternoon 3 : 00-4:00 * Topic: Gourmet Do RE-MI (my food experience sharing) * Moderator: Li Donkey (perhaps Chen Yao)
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International FREE of charge * * * * * coming to West Asia, Philippine Law, NZ, British, French 00-800-5516-5516 * Thailand, Singapore 001-800-5516-5516 * United States, Canada 011-800-5516-5516 * Australia

0011-800-5516-5516 * Non-mentioned countries please play 886-2-28862563 886-2-28854801 886-2-28864332 * Great Continental area free of charge 10800-886-0063 North China South 10800-186-0063
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Donor Prize Note after the event is sorted, We will pay close attention to the information by announcing the award list and the donor bonus message on the central website and the fan page.
__._,_.___ (via Kraig Krist, dxldyg via DXLD)

** TIBET. CHINA, Good signal of PBS Xizang Holy Tibet on Nov 15: 0700-0800 on 9580 LHA 100 kW / 290 deg to EaAs English
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/good-signal-of-pbs-xizang-holy-tibet-on.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1043 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Nov.20, 2017 via DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. 11513, CLANDESTINE, V. of Tibet (via Dushanbe, Tad.) Found here with talk by M in Chinese at 1222. Fair with propagational echo. 16 Nov.

11603, CLANDESTINE, V. of Tibet (via Dushanbe, Tadzhikistan). Found M talk in Chinese here at 1242, music briefly then different M at 1244-1248, then W announcer to at least 1255. Like 11513 this had a slight echo as well. 16 Nov.

11627, CLANDESTINE, V. of Tibet (via Dushanbe, Tad.). Talk by M and W in Chinese at 1313 and music, then usual theme music and ID announcement by M. Best of the 3 frequencies and none appeared to be jammed. 16 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD)

** TURKEY. 6125, V Turkey, English with News read by YL with items re Lebanon & Iran, etc. ID at 0411 then more news. Turkish Press Review at 0414 & more talk of Mid East & its history. It's all the West's fault, you know. Hum in the modulation & heavy accents making copy hard! 35443+, 0408-0422 11/Nov, SPR-4 +longwire (Ken Zichi, MARE Brighton DXpedition, MARE Tipsheet 17 Nov via DXLD)

6125.006, Nov 15 at 0412, VOT in English to N America is only poor, but pretty close to on-frequency. The // to Asia, 7240, is not audible

5960, Nov 21 at 2300, VOT English to North America is poor-fair but I can tell that the clueless announcer (or his recording) is still announcing A-17 times and frequencies for English, all of which are now wrong in B-17 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY [and non]. MADAGASCAR/TURKEY, 17530, WCR MWV New Life Station, Mahajanga, Madagascar in Chinese language, Chinese prayer/singer, at 0448 UT on Nov 16, S=9+20dB noted in Delhi India SDR location. But much early at 0451 UT onwards co-channel interference by TRT Emirler, English started at 0500-0555 UT. At 0454:18 TRT Emirler Turkish interval signal played on 17530.051 odd frequency. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (wb df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 16) (BC-DX 18 Nov via DXLD)

Turkey in English at 05 on 17530?? It`s supposed to be Malay, per HFCC (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U A E. 7285.096, Nov 15 at 0335, VP carrier obviously off-frequency. HFCC shows BBCWS in Arabic, 03-04 via DHA, 250 kW, 255 degrees. This site has developed a well-deserved reputation for frequency-inaccuracy, yet BBC keeps using it. But at 04-05 the next 7285 hour is back to Woofferton. (And at 05-07, 7285 belongs to Radio Sonder Grense, Zuid Afrika, the shoulder channel between night on 3320, day on 9650.) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7285.100, One of the four Al Dhabbaya units at 0350 UT, always some 100 Hertz odd frequency, +100 Hertz aligned, BBC London in Arabic at 0351 UT, scheduled 03-04 UT. Morning log of Nov 4, taken in southern Germany, as well as in Athens Greece and New Delhi remote SDR units.

12095.115, BBC English, 04-05 UT, noted Nov 16 at 0412 UT at S=9 level in NE/ME target on remote SDR in Doha Qatar. - One of the four Al Dhabbaya units ... But also others:

13839.983, BBCWS Somali language section at 0422 UT noetd on S=6-7 level in Doha Qatar. 0400-0430 UT scheduled. Nov 16.

13859.985, IBB Radio Free Afghanistan in Pashto at 0423 UT, S=6 strength. 0330-0430 UT scheduled. Nov 16.

17829.979, odd fq of BBC Al Dhabbaya in French to AF, 0430-0500 UT at 0457 UT, only S=7 short skip signal in Doha Qatar.

[selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (wb df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 4 / 16)(BC-DX 18 Nov via DXLD)

** U K. 1215, Absolute R. 2134 ad/promo block plainly audible with announcers UK accent. A ton of adjacent QRM though. 2146 ìEverybody Hurtsî by REM. 15 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via DXLD) QRM like 1210 Philadelphia (gh)

** U K. Re: UNITED KINGDOM: UPDATE [R. Caroline on 648 kHz] Furthermore to the grounded tower explanation, the IBA also favoured these with at least two examples, Cotheridge Nr Worcester for 1530 in the classic style as per ORF 648 reserve. And a subtle variation at Breinton, Hereford where the top loading and flaring was used but apparently not cut exactly to provide 50R as an ATU was provided. It was a C and S Antennas system (Dave Porter G4OYX, Nov 16, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

** U K. 3950-3955-3960, Nov 17 at 0606, DRM noise causing hams to avoid the span, but one on 3963-LSB; it`s BBCWS in English, this hour only, 100 kW, 114 degrees from Woofferton per HFCC. I thought DRM transmissions deliberately reduced power to a sizable fraxion (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BBC 6190 jammed? - no. According to the latest Aoki (and possibly earlier ones, I haven't checked) the BBCWS from Meyerton on 6190 is continually jammed by CNR1 or CNR2. I believe this to be an error, since there is nothing at all to be heard on 6190 after 0600 this morning (November 21), neither BBC nor China. And BBC should be there until 0800, according to the same edition of Aoki! (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA. Drake R8E, Sony ICF2001D, Nov 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

0600-0800 is midday in China, so not point in jamming it from RSA site, and not likely to be audible there if it be jammed (gh, DXLD)

** U K [non]. PAKISTAN [non], 9410, BBC [Kranji] *1500+ 10 Nov. Opens Urdu programme with generic BBC ID & Asian news; also 1526-1531 12 Nov. with cricket news and "BBC Urdu Service he" ID (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA PL380/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. TRANSMISSION TEST 9650, 1233-1249, 16-11, "You are Listening to a test transmisiÛn", "Please, email your reception report to trasmissiontest@gmail.com" Excellent signal. Guinea out of air now 45555 (Manuel MÈndez, Log in Playa Blanca, Islas Canarias, dxldyg via DXLD)

Same noted here in Maryland, USA. Seems to be gone now (Chris Smolinski, Black Cat Systems http://www.blackcatsystems.com 1255 UT, HCDX via DXLD)

Wording sounds like a Babcock test (-- Richard Langley, NB, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yep, and I just received my eQSL, and a note: https://i.imgur.com/3GuXFsV.png

``Hi Chris, Thank you for your report and I confirm the details are correct. These transmissions were to fault-find on a 250/300 kW sender at the UK HF transmitter station at Woofferton.

These duration of these tests can be variable as the engineers can sometimes need a long time to establish a fault or they may interrupt the test, make an adjustment and resume. This is particularly so if the fault is of an intermittent nature.

Babcock, Woofferton is the only remaining UK HF sender broadcast station and also is the only one with this transmission test audio and email address.

The audio is contained in a file play-out system and incorporates non-copyright music and voice announcements from one of the engineers, Martin 2E1EKX at the transmitter site.

Thanks for your interest. 73 Dave G4OYX``

(Chris Smolinski, Black Cat Systems http://www.blackcatsystems.com 1518 UT Nov 16, ibid.)

** U S A. 4102.842-CW, Nov 16 at 0723, the `W` weather beacon from the SE California desert, very weak but strong enough to pin down the frequency. Between the W`s, sends various other letters and numbers, such as 2, 6, E E E. Again audible at 1340 check (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5250, Harmonic. WLYC, Williamsport, PA, 5 X 1050. 1838-1847 ìThe Herdî sports program and network ads. ìRiver Valley Internetî local ad. Fox Sports local sports news with mention of Nittany Lions, back to the program. Good signal on peaks. Couldnít raise the fundamental oddly enough. Obviously 1050 WLYC from Williamsport which is a Fox station and has a sports format. Not to mention the fact ìRiver Valley Internetî is in Williamsport. 15 Nov (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Perseus with 315 foot BOGís at 45 degrees (towards Europe) on 15 Nov., and at 0 degrees (for East Asia) on 16 Nov. 2 different outings at 2 different local locations, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD) 1000/30 watts U1 (NRC AM Log via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. VOA on 9485 kHz --- Good signal here in NB from Botswana in presumed Bambara (language of Mali and the surrounding area) at tune-in at about 2140 UT on Wednesday evening ending the half-hour with English sign-off announcement and Yankee Doodle and transmitter off at 22:00:55 UTC. This Monday to Friday broadcast is also on several other (unchecked) frequencies (-- Richard Langley, Nov 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15740, Nov 16 at 1927, S9+20 of open carrier, tho nothing scheduled here. I figure it`s VOA Greenville warming up for 15730 to start at 1930; yes, rather at 1929:24* it cuts off and jumps to 15730 which is already on by the time I get there. 1930 brings up French modulation as ``VOA Afrique, Le Monde Aujourd`hui``, without any sign-on or English ID, but joining in progress.

The warmup-on-another-frequency tactic is oft employed by IBB when necessary to avoid QRMing itself; in this case, 15730 has already been on for an hour of French, but via Vatican, violating Separation of Church & State. (And reverts to SMG for another semihour from 2030 on weekends; why? It`s not like there aren`t plenty of idle GB senders) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. /ASCENSION ISLAND? 6170, VOA Hausa service with news, actualities and "VOA" sung jingle 0506 on 20 November, good signal // 6020 S„o TomÈ relay poor, and presumed 4960 S„o TomÈ - too weak to confirm. No trace of the listed Ascension relay on 6040 so assume 6170 is a frequency change for that site? (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai NZ, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Special transmissions of Voice of America to Zimbabwe
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/special-transmissions-of-voice-of.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 21, dxldyg via DXLD) Viz.:

Tuesday, November 21, 2017
Special transmissions of Voice of America to Zimbabwe

Voice of America to Zimbabwe Special txions:
2100-0300 on 4930 BOT 100 kW / 020 deg to SoAf various
0700-1400 on 4930 BOT 100 kW / 020 deg to SoAf various
0700-1400 on 6080 SAO 100 kW / 138 deg to SoAf various
0700-1400 on 15580 SAO 100 kW / 100 deg to SoAf various
VOA broadcasting 24 hours due to situation in Zimbabwe.
(?????????? ?? Observer ? 6:10 PM via DXLD) See also ZIMBABWE

I.e., 4930 was already on air at 0300-0700; see BOTSWANA (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. A VOA JOURNALIST REPORTEDLY POSTED RACIST REDDIT SCREEDS. HIS REPORTING WAS PROBLEMATIC, TOO.

In addition to highlighting popular conservative themes, Joshua Fatzick sometimes presented information in misleading ways.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2017/11/19/a-journalist-reportedly-posted-racist-reddit-screeds-his-reporting-was-problematic-too/
(via David Cole, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD) Viz., continued:

By Callum Borchers November 19

Voice of America reporter Joshua Fatzick posted racist, sexist and homophobic messages in a pro-Trump Reddit channel, according to Mediaite. (Robert Galbraith/Reuters)

Voice of America has placed journalist Joshua Fatzick on administrative leave after Mediaite reported that he posted racist, sexist and homophobic messages in a pro-Trump Reddit channel under the screen name UncleSam4200.

The headache does not end there for Voice of America, a taxpayer-funded news outlet that covers U.S. public affairs for foreign audiences. Fatzick's reporting appears to have been colored, at times, by his apparent political views, just as Voice of America is working to combat suspicions that it could be used to advance President Trump's agenda.

ìLong before the election, we've been doubling down on combating bias, including instituting mandatory training. We find bias on either side of the spectrum ó on gun control, immigration, affordable care, religious rights ó to be totally unacceptable,î Amanda Bennett, director of Voice of America, said in an interview. ìThis one actually represents the minority of the kind of cases we're dealing with.î

Still, some recent articles by Fatzick seem like they would have been at home on a conservative news site such as the Daily Caller, where he previously worked. Headlines include ìRacist Remarks at Air Force Prep School Were a Hoax,î ìAmerican College Campuses Increasingly Hostile to Free Speechî and ìU.S. Congresswoman Calls Gun Rights Group 'Domestic Security Threat.'î

Story selection alone is not conclusive evidence of bias, of course, but in addition to highlighting popular right-wing themes ó claims of racism are dubious, free speech is in peril, the Second Amendment is under attack ó Fatzick has presented information in misleading ways.

In the article about a gun-rights group, for example, Fatzick asserted that ìAmericans are specifically afforded the right to bear arms by the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution,î which isn't a universally accepted interpretation of the Second Amendment. Whether the Constitution guarantees the right to own and carry a gun, unconnected to the ìwell-regulated militiaî also is mentioned in the Second Amendment, is one of the longest-running debates in American politics.

Fatzick did not acknowledge that debate about the meaning of the Second Amendment, an omission that might have left Voice of America's

mostly foreign audience with a false impression.

In coverage of Trump's address to the Conservative Political Action Conference, in February, Fatzick quoted the president's media-bashing tirade at length without challenging Trump's false claim that journalists routinely ìmake up sources.î What's more, Fatzick wrote that ìTrump supporters who cheered his remarks said afterward they agreed with the president's contention that reporters make up fake sources to hurt him.î

In coverage of a memorial for the woman who was killed during a white-supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Fatzick reported an inaccurate claim without correcting the record by quoting from a statement by Trump: ìYou had a group on the other side that came charging in without a permit, and they were very, very violent.î In reality, protesters who opposed the white supremacists did get a permit to demonstrate nearby and were not legally required to seek a second permit to enter the park where the white supremacists had gathered.

Fatzick based the article about free speech on college campuses on a single interview with an executive from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, which Fatzick failed to describe. The group is ostensibly nonpartisan, but its cofounder acknowledged in the New York Times last year that conservative causes are ìcoinciding with our agenda.î The foundation's major funders include prominent conservative donors such as the Charles Koch Institute and the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation.

A Voice of America spokeswoman said the organization could not comment on specific elements of Fatzick's coverage but said a review of his work would be part of an internal investigation. Bennett said in a previous statement that ìVoice of America has zero tolerance for public or personal racist, sexist or politically-biased social-media communications. Our policies make it very clear that such behavior is prohibited.î

Fatzick did not respond to a request for comment.

In the Reddit posts, UncleSam4200 referred to African Americans as ìn-----sî and Muslim immigrants as ìrapefugeesî and used gay slurs such as ìf----t.î

Fatzick's suspension follows reporting by CNN's Hadas Gold that Trump will probably appoint Michael Pack as chief executive of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, the agency that oversees Voice of America. Pack recently stepped down as president of the conservative Claremont Institute. He has served as vice president for TV programming at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and worked with

Breitbart News Chairman Stephen K. Bannon on two documentaries.

Bennett told me in a July interview that Voice of America remains committed to independent journalism and said she has felt no pressure to provide soft coverage of the Trump administration. ìHonestly, there has been no change,î Bennett said.

Scrutiny of Voice of America by other journalists began almost immediately after Trump's inauguration, triggered by a pair of tweets in which the news organization seemed to validate ó or, at least, did not question ó false statements that then-White House press secretary Sean Spicer made about crowd size and media coverage.

Bennett, a former Wall Street Journal reporter, told me in July that she thought some journalists unfairly rushed to conclusions about Voice of America's direction. ìHonestly, I found that kind of shocking, in terms of the outside media,î she said.

Fatzick joined Voice of America before Trump's election, but Fatzick's flawed news coverage and the hate-filled Reddit messages he allegedly posted in a pro-Trump forum hurt the cause as Voice of America insists that it will not become a mouthpiece for the president.

ìBeing scrupulous in reflecting all sides of an argument and in representing all sides of U.S. issues fairly, through fact-based reporting, is at the very core of our mission,î Bennett said Saturday, ìas is our mandate to provide accurate, unbiased news and information to countries around the world that have no other access to it. When we find instances where we have failed to do this, we are addressing it promptly and vigorously.î

Correction: This article originally misstated the title of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education executive who spoke with the New York Times. The correct title is cofounder, not president (The Washington Post via DXLD)

** U S A. News broke today on the Associated Press at 1644 UTC that the U.S. President had declared North Korea a state sponsor of terror. I tune in Voice of America for the 1700 UT "International Edition," curious as to how this news will be covered. It is not. It is not mentioned in the top-of-the-hour newscast, it is not the lead story in "International Edition." It is first (and only) reported at 1711, when the "social media" editor comes on to discuss what's trending. How sad that VOA now reports major international news from the White House by attributing it to unidentified social-media chatter (Mike Cooper, Nov 20, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 1904 monitoring: I happen to wake

up just before 1030 Wed Nov 15 so check WRMI: yes, WOR on 5850 at S9+30 and // 9455 at a respectable S9. Also confirmed Wed Nov 15 at 1415 on WRMI, 9955, in the clear, no jamming, but ACI from 9950, and then 9960 as described last week. Next:

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Wed 2200   WBCQ 7490 to WSW
Thu 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Thu 2230   WRMI 5850 to NW
Fri 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0729   HLR  6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1531   HLR  7265-CUSB to WSW
Sat 2030v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2230   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 2300   WRMI 11580 to NE
Sun 0200   WRMI 11580 to NE
Sun 0410v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1130   HLR  9485-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0400v  WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0430   WRMI 9955 to SSE
Tue 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030   WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030   WRMI 11580 to NE, 9455 to WNW, 7780 to NE [or 1905?]
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WORLD OF RADIO 1904 monitoring: confirmed Wednesday November 15 at 2200 on WBCQ, 7490v, VG S9+20/30. This broadcast is now ``in season``, off to a good start with plenty of nighty propagation, but not too much. Sunset is early! 3:57 pm EST in nearby Presque Isle = 2057 UT, per timeanddate.com.

But not confirmed, next broadcast UT Thu Nov 16 at 0030 on WBCQ, 9330v-CUSB --- can`t even confirm it is on the air (Nearby stations: 9395 WRMI VG with BS, 9370 WWRB fair delayed behind 9395; 9265 WINB poor; 9455 WRMI VG with Oldies; 7490 WBCQ fair-good.) Next:

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Thu 2230   WRMI 5850 to NW
Fri 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0729   HLR  6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1531   HLR  7265-CUSB to WSW
Sat 2030v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2230   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 2300   WRMI 11580 to NE
Sun 0200   WRMI 11580 to NE
Sun 0410v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1130   HLR  9485-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0400v  WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0430   WRMI 9955 to SSE
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Tue 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 11580 to NE, 9455 to WNW, 7780 to NE [or 1905?]

WORLD OF RADIO 1904 monitoring: confirmed Thursday November 16 at 2230.5 on WRMI 5850, good. Modulation does not start until 2230.0 with Okeechobee song ID. NOT confirmed UT Fri Nov 17 at 0030 on WBCQ, 9330v-CUSB --- yet again no signal detectable now nor at 0058 recheck, when 9265 WINB is good, 9370 WWRB is VG, and 7490v WBCQ is poor.

I asked WBCQ last week if something was wrong at their end, but no reply. As the northernmost USA SW station except for KNLS, it`s most vulnerable to auroral zone attenuation or even blackouts. Too bad they are not using 3265v, which would survive much better than the highers.

BTW, No one mentions it, but I must apologize for a number of upcut/glitches, particularly toward the end of WOR 1904. This happens when I am in too big a hurry and don`t wait another beat or two after unpausing my recording as I make an edit. This time, that even missed the callsign of the station I was talking about moving from 5050 to 3215, which of course was WWRB. Next:

Sat 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0729 HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1531 HLR 7265-CUSB to WSW
Sat 2030v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2230 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 2300 WRMI 11580 to NE
Sun 0200 WRMI 11580 to NE
Sun 0410v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1130 HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0400v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0430 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Tue 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 11580 to NE, 9455 to WNW, 7780 to NE [or 1905?]

WORLD OF RADIO 1904 monitoring: NOT confirmed UT Saturday November 18 at 0030 on WBCQ, 9330v-CUSB: no signal, but this time other USA 9`s are JBA carriers: 9265, 9370, 9395 in degraded propagation.

Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, reports:
``GERMANY, Reception of World of Radio via HLR 6190-CUSB, Nov 18:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/reception-of-world-of-radio-via-hlr_18.html
0731-0800 on 6190 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu English Sat, weak``

Almost confirmed, HLR 7265-CUSB via UTwente SDR: Sat Nov 18 from 1526 during MN+, only CRI East Turkistan with south Asian songs, also during several chex in next semihour; during CRI pause at 1558, trace of modulation sounding like me; from 1600 much stronger CRI Russian. Alan Gale usually confirms this WOR at his more favorable further skip distance from Gˆhren in England.

I am still not sure 9330 is on the air at all, but will continue to check it until confirmed off. Propagation should not be a factor for the earlier 2230 WOR broadcast on Saturday only. (However, the online program sked still shows 2330, probably outdated info.)

So Sat Nov 18 at 2228, I am trying very hard to hear 9330v-CUSB, on three different radios with four different antennas: Maybe there is The Planet ID & IS, which should be playing first, or am I imagining it? I do find a JJBA carrier about 9328.185, but by 2236 cannot recognize the trace of modulation as WOR theme or me. (7490 and 3265 are not on, but 5130- is: see separate report about EMR.) Missed checking WRMI 11580 at 2300. Next:

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Sun 0200   WRMI 11580 to NE
Sun 0410v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1130   HLR  9485-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0400v  WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0430   WRMI 9955 to SSE
Tue 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030   WRMI 7730 to WNW
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(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No log for Saturday --- Hi Glenn, I wasn't back home in time to catch WoR on HLR yesterday, so I can't confirm just how well it was received this time. There is however, a new webSDR about 20 miles south of here, which may be useful for checking 7265 - I just tried it out and it seems to work okay on that frequency. The skip should be pretty much the same there I would think, though I will check this out the next time they're on air and compare the results with mine. 73 for now, (Alan Gale, England, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, listen to the WoR recording of approx. 1555 UT 7265 kHz here in southern Germany; I had to play something with USB mode option of the SDR receiving unit, to change bandwidth, played with 10 Hertz tuning set on side flank, - up and down. Excuse some clipping scratches, was my fault. CRI Russian transmission made a crash start today late, Russian from Urumqi site started 1558:50 UT at S=9+20dB level, but your WoR final announcement just ended before underneath. 73 wolfie, (Wolfgang B¸schel, Sat Nov 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1904 monitoring: barely audible but confirmed at 0212 Nov 19, the 0200 UT Sunday on WRMI 11580 --- as usually now the case this long after dark in Okee. All programs on this frequency could benefit by being moved to a lower band after sunset for duration of winter. Also confirmed on WA0RCR, 1860-AM, Wentzville MO, good S9+20, UT Sunday November 19 at 0421, 11 minutes into show, so started circa 0410. Next:

Sun 1130 HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW [maybe]
Mon 0400v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0430 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Tue 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW [maybe]
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 11580 to NE, 9455 to WNW, 7780 to NE [or #1905?]
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1904 monitoring: Ivo Ivanov reports:
``GERMANY Reception of World of Radio on 9485-CUSB via HLR, Nov 19
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/reception-of-world-of-radio-on-9485cusb.html
1131-1200 9485 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu English Sun, weak/fair``

9330-CUSB, Nov 20 at 0030, NO signal detectable from WBCQ at WOR scheduled time. I`ve asked WBCQ again about the status of this and suggested that for winter propagation, 3265 should replace 9330.

Confirmed UT Monday Nov 20 starting at 0402 on Area 51 webcast; WBCQ 5129.832 has good S9+10 signal but not checked until 0436 during HRI. It appears Timtron`s tuning up this transmitter helped a lot!

WOR 1904 also confirmed UT Mon Nov 20 at 0436 on WRMI 9955, S9+10/20 so not necessary to check webcast. Next:

Tue 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW [maybe]
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 11580 to NE, 9455 to WNW, 7780 to NE [or new #1905?]
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Confirmed hearing World of Radio #1904 --- Hello Glen[n]: Most of the time propagation and the current solar cycle last storm came on Nov 8 - 9, things didn't appear normal, depends on what time of day you hear the SW Station and what transmitter strength. Last night I heard 7410 kHz at 0400 UT Radio Romania Int with excellent signal until 0450 when the propagation changed and the signal dropped into the atmosphere, another STORM

Radio: JRC NRD-535 HF
Antenna: random long wires in the trees.

Age: 54 years young
Location: Backyard pie corned shaped lot with trees

Broadcaster (Shortwave): WRMI FL USA
Transmitter site: Okeechobee FL. USA
Frequency in kHz: 7730 kHz
Program heard: World of Radio #1904
Time used in UTC, 0030 - 0059 UTC
Date heard in UTC: November 21 UTC 2017

Reception quality by using the SINPO, 7730 kHz, 0029, 0033, 0042, 0055 (55433), (55434), 0059 November 21 UTC 2017, Heard ID at 0044 UTC, half way point (Lemke, Richard, St Albert, AB, Canada, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1904 monitoring: Not confirmed UT Tue Nov 21 at 0030 on WBCQ 9330v-CUSB: no signal (meanwhile 7490 is OK, nothing on 5130 or 3265; 9395 WRMI is fair). But confirmed UT Tue Nov 21 at 0030 on WRMI 7730, VG. Also confirmed Tue Nov 21 at 2030 on WRMI 11580 better than // 9455 better than // 7780.

[and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 1905 contents: Afghanistan non, Armenia, Bahrain, Biafra non, Botswana, Brazil, Cambodia and non, Chile and non, Cuba, Cyprus non, Eritrea and non, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, North America, Oman, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia and non, Solomon Islands, Somaliland and non, Sri Lanka, USA, Zimbabwe, unidentified; and the propagation outlook

WORLD OF RADIO 1905 monitoring: confirmed first airing completed just a few minutes earlier, Tuesday November 21 at 2130 on WRMI, 9455, good. Trying to confirm next chance, UT Wednesday November 22 at 0030 on WBCQ, 9330v-CUSB: first on the R75, I only get a JBA carrier on about 9328.19, as I have before, but apparently this is from a local device, to which this radio is closest. At 0032 on the PL-880 on the porch, I can recognize me JBA about 9329.9. Then at 0035 on the NRD545 I can also hear me about 9329.99, but not well enough to recognize whether it`s new #1905, but probably. So WBCQ is transmitting, just extremely weakly, still such a trace at 0048. Meanwhile neighbors are much better: 9395 WRMIBS at S9+20; 9370 WWRBS at S9+25; even 9265 WINB is S9. And the other WBCQ, 7489.95, is S8. Next:

Wed 1030 WRMI 5850 to NW, 9455 to WNW
Wed 1415 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Wed 2200 WBCQ 7490 to WSW
Thu 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Thu 2230 WRMI 5850 to NW
Fri 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

Sat 0729 HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1531 HLR 7265-CUSB to WSW
Sat 2030v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2230 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 2300 WRMI 11580 to NE
Sun 0200 WRMI 11580 to NE
Sun 0410v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1130 HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0400v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0430 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Tue 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 11580 to NE, 9455 to WNW, 7780 to NE [or 1905?]
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9395 // 9455, Nov 17 at 0725, WRMI Oldies channels now amid floating VOA News relay, about Zimbabwe, both good this night.

11580, Nov 18 at 2158 I happen to be on 11580 WRMI with fill music, but cuts off the air at 2158:40*, back on at *2159:50, and 2200 into RAE Italian relay even tho it`s not a weekday. Not much difference in signal before and after the break, but unseems non-deliberate, as if making an antenna and/or transmitter change altho none is scheduled, rather 24/7, XMTR 9 at 44 degrees.

The program grid below the frequency grid at http://www.tinyurl.com/WRMIfqs has a blank space for this hour on Saturdays, i.e. a line separating it from M-F RAE Italian. Previous hour in RAE German is allegedly really M-F only, with Slovakia & Walking in Power on both Sat & Sun at 21-22. See also ARGENTINA [non]; OKLAHOMA [non]

5985, UT Sunday Nov 19 at 0238, WRMI with AWR `Wavescan` about KDKA, so yet another time for the program which is *not* on their schedule, instead 0230-0300 on 5985 is blank except for `Wlkng Power` UT Mondays. Are there somethings Tue-Sat too during this semi-hour?
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Summarizing WBCQ reception here with WOR: 7490 better, 9330 worse, 5130 improved, 3265 not used (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD)

** U S A. Tonight's AWWW --- Station promos started exactly on time this evening but the actual theme song of the show was two minutes late. 7490 was lost somewhere out there and impossible to copy so moved to 5130. Good clear signal on 5130 to begin with. TimTron is hosting the show again this week along with an announcement of Allan being on assignment. Very early anti-Trump statement and then a

statement and explanation of why Tim believes in global warming. Then another jab at Trump about what's going on in Puerto Rico. Then a story from his early life during the Vietnam era. Signal on 5130 started to drop at 0118 and the noise started to come up. Show went into music around 0120. Really difficult to copy the program after 0145 because of all the noise. Show was off the air at 0201 (John Carver, Mid-North Indiana, 0211 UT Nov 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5129.82-AM, Sat Nov 18 at 2236, WBCQ is on here with weak signal, rock music, brief British-accented DJ, more music; next break at 2246 he does ID as European Music Radio, reference http://www.europeanmusicradio.com
So Tom Taylor is still on air, altho he sent this notice November 6:

``Dear EMR Listeners, Due to my Cancer condition (non-Hodgkin Lymphoma) that was diagnosed in February 2017, I regret to tell you that EMR will be off air until further notice. I hope to return EMR to the air at some Point in 2018. All the best from Tom Taylor. PS. More Pages to our Website will be added over the next few Months while EMR is off air!
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website: http://www.europeanmusicradio.com
email: emrshortwave@gmail.com
European Music Radio``

We wish Tom the best! His WBCQ transmission had been on the third Saturdays at 2130, publicized as October 21 on 7490. But there has been no publicity about moving to 5130, one hour later as of November.

(7490 is not on yet as I am checking all WBCQ frequencies while WOR is missing from 9330. At 0025 recheck Nov 19, I measure 5129.84; and 7489.964)

Tom`s website now advises, ``EMR will be off air until Further Notice. More Information is on our Contact Page!`` Which has the same wording as above. And also, ``The Coolest Music on Shortwave in Europe and North America --- 6070 via Channel 292 - 9485 via MV Baltic R & 7490 via WBCQ``. So maybe the next surprise appearance will be Dec 16 at 2230 on one frequency or another (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also OKLAHOMA [non]

5129.822, Nov 19 at 0701, S9+10 of dead air. Obviously it is WBCQ transmitter near offset earlier while modulating, perhaps testing. John Carver, mid-North-Indiana, sent this report on it at 0242: ``TimTron Worldwide live on 5130 at 0 hours. Said he was at the main studio in Monticello. Had come up today to tinker with 5130 transmitter and see if he could improve the signal. First hour was great. Signal was 20 over and loud and clear. During second hour of

TimTron, signal went into the toilet, dropped to S7 and the noise came up over everything and made it impossible to copy. At 0155 signal started to fight its way up again and by 0205 was hitting S9 on the upswing. Lumpy Gravy was in progress by then. Signal still dipping below S9 at times but also surging up to 10 over at times and the audio is mostly over the noise now and so able to copy the program`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9370, Nov 16 at 0721, JBA carrier --- oh2, bet it`s WWRB again, where Dave failed to change to night BS frequency, 3185 --- yes, nothing there! It would be a nightmare making good to TOM all the transmission failures his psychophants/sickophants paid for (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 17775, KVOH [Simi Valley] California with Spanish pop & EZL Music & ID at 2302 as ìDesde Los ¡ngeles, Èsta es La Voz de Esperanzaî. In well. Itís been a dogís age since Iíve heard their English stuff in the local evenings; are they still doing that or have they just changed frequencies & Iím missing the ëupdateí? 454+4+4, 2250-2302, 10/Nov, SPR4 +longwire (Ken Zichi, MARE Brighton DXpedition, MARE Tipsheet 17 Nov via DXLD)

That was Friday, on air even later than nominal -2200* extension. 9975, the evening English frequency has been off for years. There is now a bit of English on 17775 one day a week, as already covered in DXLD.

17775, Nov 16 at 1931, barely audible music about S6 same as background noise level, from KVOH. There are huge variations in reception here at about 1100 miles, sometimes blasting in, sometimes like this or even JBA carrier.

** U S A. 17775, Mon Nov 20 at 1508 tune-in, KVOH carrier cuts off immediately, back on, somewhat distorted modulation, leyendo una escritura, unstable carrier, S9+30 with some splatter when on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 11520, Nov 17 at 0036, WEWN English is VG, S9+35 and even splattering. Very unusual, but later into the night we can expect it to become JBA: is it running until 0900, or 1200, in the absence of registered NF 9470 at 09-12?

12000-12030 and 12110-12120 approx., Nov 17 at 1332, spike splatter matching modulation peaks on 12065 WEWN English which is very strong. Worst around 12010 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. JRX Logs: Tue, November 21, 2017. COLLISION. 5970. Nov 21, 2017 at 0203-0210, Radio CatÛlica Mundial, Vandiver-AL, in Spanish.

Man announcer prayer the Rosary, in Spanish, and woman announcer talks, preaching, in Urdu by AWR relay Moosbrunn-AUSTRIA, both in collision on 5970 kHz (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier, Location: Cabedelo-PB, Brazil (UTC-3), RX (s): Degen DE1103, Antenna: Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** U S A. Last night WWCR-4 was not on 6115; tonight it has not been on 7520, 6115 or 5890 (Peter W Hansen, FL, 0225 UT Nov 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. POWER HOUR NEWSLETTER Nov 21: Glenn. Sending this along. Below the listing for tomorrow's show is an announcement that the show is moving to three to five in the afternoon on the satellite. They say the radio station will stay the same but don't say if the time changes or which hour is being cut as they're only allotting two hours for the show under the new schedule. Typical of the world today. Not enough details (John Carver, IN, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Announcements & Action Items --- Starting Monday Dec. 4, 2017 The Power Hour will be airing from 3pm to 5pm central on GCN Channel 4. The new call-in number will be 866-582-9933. Listen Live # will remain the same. Shortwave station will stay the same. Please feel free to email us with any questions about the show change at support@powerhournation.com
(via Carver, ibid.) Has been on both WWCR and WRMI, 13/16 UT (gh)

** U S A. 5830, Nov 21 at 0716, no signal from WTWW-1, but a very poor carrier on 9475, probably this, forsaken by Ted on its day frequency all night.

BTW, neighborhood continuous line noise has erupted, reaching S9 around 5.8 MHz. And no one even has Xmas decorations up yet, that I can see (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WTWW-1 Scriptures For America on daytime frequency 9475 kHz, Nov 21
0200-1400 9475 TWW 100 kW / 050 deg to ENAm English, instead of 5830:
0200-1400 5830 TWW 100 kW / 050 deg to ENAm English as scheduled B-17
1400-0200 9475 TWW 100 kW / 050 deg to ENAm English as scheduled B-17
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/wtww-1-scriptures-for-america-on.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 21, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. AWR/al-waad --- Station with Arabic music and talk by a man in Arabic heard on 9535, Thursday 16 November at 1900 UT, announcing (in English) web address of www.al-waad.tv, and an email address of arabic@awr.org. Searching back through DXLD it seems to be part of the Hope Channel, which is partner of the AWR Network. DX Listening Digest numbers 12-31 (1 Aug, 2012) and 16-13 (30 March 2016). I didn't find a reference to this in the dxldyg since 2012

(Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, Nov 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9535 at 1900, AWR Arabic now is via Nauen, GERMANY per HFCC (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. 570/1260 Swap in DC? Just checking the FCC site for daily changes before leaving work, and saw that WSPZ-570 Bethesda MD and WWRC-1260 Washington DC have exchanged call letters effective today.

The dcrtv.com web site reported over the weekend that WWRC was rumored to be moving its "The Answer" talk format to 570 - but no confirmation on the site. Will check this one in the car tonight on the way home! (David Yocis Nov 20, nrc-am gg via DXLD)

570, WWRC, MD, Bethesda - 11/20 1900 [EDT = 00 UT 11/21] - Out of Jay Sekulow talk about potential judicial nominations, national ad, IDs as "AM 570 the Answer," legal ID for WWRC Bethesda and WCRW Warrenton. Calls and format ex-1260. (DY-VA)

1260, WSPZ, DC, Washington - 11/20 1853 [EDT = 2353 UT] - Stunting with repeated announcements to tune to "AM 570 the Answer," legal ID as "WSPZ Washington." (DY-VA)

Both on the car radio coming home tonight. Change was made today. No idea what programming will wind up on 1260.

"WRC" is a legacy call in DC, still existing on NBC Channel 4 as "WRC-TV." WRC was the longtime call on 980, which changed to WWRC in 1984. In 1998, WWRC-980 and WTEM-570 exchanged call letters -- WTEM is still the call on 980. The WWRC calls then moved from 570 to 1260 in 2001, where they remained until moving back to 570 today (David Yocis, Alexandria VA, UT Nov 21, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, ibid.)

** U S A. 710, WAQI, FL, Miami ñ Granted STA, U1 7500/2500 or U4 30000/10000 from CP site (WQBA-1140 tower). (AM Switch, NRC DX News Nov 27, published Nov 18, via DXLD)

** U S A. 750, Nov 17 at 1303 UT, USA Radio News, roughly E-W, which means not KMMJ, but surely not WSB either, a major station with a minor network? and rather late for it at sunrise here. I might guess KBNN Lebanon MO, but NRC AM Log shows the USA affiliate is KOAL Price UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 860, KNAI, AZ, Phoenix ñ 9/28 2301 [EDT?] ñ Over unidentified Mexican station (probably XEZOL) with ID "KNAI 8-60 AM, K270CZ-101.9 FM Phoenix, la campesina." As Glenn Houser [sic] noted earlier this year, in some IDs the word "campesina" seems to get truncated to "campena" or something very similar. It actually sounds like a glitch in the recording, but it's hard to imagine they would

leave it that way for so long. This station is still a pretty big pest after the format change from the pseudo-Gospel music they used to air. Relog (just one item from huge report, Tim Hallís DXPedition from the Beverage Inn site on U.S. 6-50 at the Nevada-Utah border. The DX location is about 200 feet on the Utah side of the border, and all antennas are in Utah. Perseus SDR-IQ, Lenovo W540 laptop w/eSSD drive, up to 8 mini-BOG and BOG antennas aimed in 11 directions over 4 nights, NRC DX News Nov 27, published Nov 18, via DXLD) Not specified but presumably all times in irrelevant EDT = 0301 UT Sept 29 (gh)

** U S A. 870, Nov 17 at 1311 UT, DJ mixing English with some S Asian? language, also playing snippets of S Asian songs, but just can`t stop his doubletalk. Roughly N/S, surely KFJZ Fort Worth TX in its latest incarnation, and shortly losing out to WWL still propagating (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1000 kHz, Nov 16 at 1303 UT, toll-free number ad, never a useful clue, but then plug for wilkinsradio.com. Hovering over ``Our Stations`` there we find as suspected KKIM 1000 Albuquerque NM; makes usual slow SAH with KTOK OKC, nulled as much as possible. It`s 7 minutes before LSR here, but way before in ABQ. KKIM is 10000/53 watts U1, also with PSRA of 12.2 watts! Official FCC sunrise for it in November is 1345 UT (December: 1400 UT). No doubt God OKs their cheating (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WBZ rollbacks --- WBZ 1030 Boston is showing signs of new ownership. WBZ AM has stopped streaming. It is gone from Radio.com and TuneIn and the CBS Boston page. WBZ AM has also dropped their HD Radio from 1030 AM and from WBZ FM HD-3 on 98.5 MHz. If you want to hear them now, you have to revert to good old AM. I wonder if this will be the fate of all CBS stations that will be farmed out to new management? (Karl Zuk, N2KZ, Katonah, NY, FN31eh, Nov 18, IRCA via DXLD)

Wrong. They haven?t stopped streaming. It?s avaioable on iHeartRadio.com and the iheart radio app. Check your facts first before posting (Paul Walker [moved again from Warren, PA?], ibid.)

Whoa. A little more polite and subtle next time - radio can be an inexact science (Colin Newell - Victoria - B.C. CANADA, ibid.)

I just tried for it on iHeart in my car and there was no sign of it. Just leaving Boston by car now. Good to know. Thanks for the tip (Karl Zuk, ABDX via DXLD)

I got them on my I-heart app. I hope WCCO does the same. Their IBOC is notorious (Todd Skaine, MN, ibid.)

Actually, a US station online via iHeart means NOT available online - from Canada. Just a few scant miles north of Warren PA, WBZ would appear to not be available online. Now, I would happily be proven wrong - can anyone point me to a way where, for free, my Canadian computer could mimic a US-based computer to effectively produce a US-based IP address? (Saul Chernos, Burnt River ON, ibid.)

Your comments mirror my experience. I enjoy listening to WBZ over the air when I am in eastern Ontario*, but for a couple of years now I have been unable to listen on-line. (Their overnight show week days is very good I think.) If I learn a way to listen via streaming, I'll be happy. And if snide comments are reduced, I will also be happy (EricFlodÈn, Vancouver, ibid.)

Paul seems to have a burr up his behind about "cranky old DXers," and a reflexive desire to create enemies where none really exist, which makes me wonder why he's even still on this list. I've defended him over the years, for some reason, but I'm pretty much done. This community is too small to not try to get along with people whenever possible. s (Scott Fybush, NY, ibid.)

Peope need to take 5-10 seconds to look up what is publicly available information (Walker, ibid.)

I've succeeding in using the Opera web browser's free VPN to access CBC Radio 2 content here in the states that is normally blocked by telling it to act as if I'm in Canada. It's built into Opera and easy to set up:
http://www.opera.com/computer/features/free-vpn
(Brett Saylor, State College, PA, ibid.)

Opera browser has a built in free VPS. You can set your country. It isn't perfect and might work 98% of the time. I also found a service that lets you change your location without being a VPS. So it doesn't have the small speed loss that a VPS has. But it costs money (Aaron Kreider, ibid.)

Eric, Consider getting an Internet radio like the Grace Mondo. I have two of them and absolutely love them. One of my best purchases ever. For programming listening, it`s a godsend (Russ Johnson, ibid.)

Thanks, Russ. I do have a pair of these
https://www.ccrane.com/item/rad_wifi_ccradio_n/102104/cc_wifi_internet_radio
but they use reciva, which will not show WBZ. Next time I buy I'll try a Grace . . . thanks again (EricF, ibid.)

With my Amazon Echo Dot, I can say "Alexa, play WBZ AM via iHeartRadio", and it plays. Since I live in Boston, I don't have to do

that very often. :-) (Paul A. Steckler, ibid.)

Has anyone thought about remote receivers when station-based streaming isn't available? For WBZ, there are a couple of receivers in NH and MA that should be usable.
http://sdr.hu/
http://kiwisdr.surriel.com/
http://kiwisdr.n2law.net:8073/
http://rosslloyd.asuscomm.com:8073/

Seems to me that would also be a way to follow sporting events which are not available on air or online in your area, at least for free. (Mark Connelly, WA1ION, South Yarmouth, MA, ibid.)

** U S A. Stations informing the FCC that they are silent: 1360, KPHN, KS, El Dorado ñ Silent Oct. 26, theft of satellite dish, EAS equipment, computer, etc. (AM Switch, NRC DX News Nov 27, published Nov 18, via DXLD) Now the KCRC 1390 Enid -~30 kHz spur can penetrate further into KS; and less to het as heard here (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. 1450, FLORIDA, WSDV, Sarasota. 1154 GMT November 10, 2017. Stunting with automated format Christmas music. "Do They Known It's Christmas?" Band Aid, into The Pretenders "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas," male at 1200 "... 103-9... The new Christmas station.." and female "The all new 103-9 KISS FM" and legal ID at 1204. Flipping to 103-9 KISS FM Adult Contemporary on December 26 and no longer parallel 1320 kc/s WDDV, Venice, which remains News/Talk, and also continues to carry 970 kc/s WFLA's "AM Tampa Bay" 5-9 a.m. Monday-Friday (Terry Krueger, Clearwater FL, IC-R75, NRD-535, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1510, Nov 18 at 1955 UT, in a quick bandscan on a little daytrip west of Enid, north of Lahoma, nothing much of interest, but two stations mixing here. Rush repeat is ending second hour, 1958 UT ad for TexasSuperfoods.com with an 877- number, mentions Dallas. Website is not very helpful, just linx to products, not stores. Further web searching finds they are looking for ``home business``, ``independent sales representatives``. The closest Texan on 1510 is KCTX Childress TX, 250 watts D1, listed in NRC AM Log as NOS/REL format. One with a Dallas address, but really east of The Metroplex in Canton, is KWJB, 500 watts D4, classic rock.

Also at 1958 UT an ad for window installers, sanctioned by some Kansas authority; 1959 UT ``Candid Auction Moment`` (?), address at 340 S. Broadway in some town. Partial legal ID then for ``The Victory``, KFMR? FM, and 2000 UT Fox ``news``. This is certainly KNNS, 1000 watts D1 in Larned KS, and the FM per NRC Log is KRMR 105.7 ``The Patriot``. WTFDA FM Database agrees on the slogan, but it`s really in Hays and

shows no connexion with KNNS or any AM station. KNNS is a talker, Fox-affiliated, and must be the one with Rush (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: my 1510 log Nov 18 afternoon, Greg Hardison replies:
``Glenn: -- That Texas Superfoods spot is playing nationwide; we hear plenty of it out here with the Dallas QTH. The only Rush-head I know for sure on 1510 is WLAC. D'ya think.....? 73z -- GREG HARDISON``

Hi Greg, WLAC did cross my mind, and Rush is sked there on Saturday afternoons, but he is also on KNNS per NRC AM Log and their website, tho no program sked. I would really expect to hear KNNS at edge of groundwave around here. There was QRM, and Childress could make it too, but maybe all the items I cited were from KNNS. 73, (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) {However, about same time two 1690 stations were audible, presumably Chicago and Denver.}

Glenn, Try
http://centralkansasradio.com/the-patriot-105-7fm1510am-listen-live/
73 (Wayne Heinen, Editor AM Radio Log, ibid.)

** U S A. 1520, KOLM, MN, Rochester ñ Granted STA, U1 800/800, 24 hours from night site (AM Switch, NRC DX News Nov 27, published Nov 18, via DXLD) That should cause less QRM around here to KOKC (gh)

** U S A. 1550, WSRY, MD, Elkton ñ Granted STA, reduced power (using U4 55/1), copper thieves (AM Switch, NRC DX News Nov 27, published Nov 18, via DXLD)

** U S A. 1550, KRZD, MO, Springfield ñ Granted STA, U1 10/10 from temporary longwire at 37-09-06/93-17-49; has lost licensed site and needs to broadcast to maintain license.

Formerly silent stations informing the FCC that they are back on the air: 1550 KRZD MO Springfield ñ Silent Dec. 1 (2016); back on the air with STA Nov. 8 (AM Switch, NRC DX News Nov 27, published Nov 18, via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD)

The station which used to be nothing but a TIS promoting nearby resort Branson MO (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1640, Nov 19 at 0659 UT, my local KZLS is broken up by almost as strong CCI from WTNI with ESPN, Biloxi MS, full ID also for W278CE on 103.5, and 1640thechamp.com Once again I strongly suspect WTNI is running 10 kW day power at night, while KZLS is on night power of 1 kW. This is without even nulling KZLS, but on the E-W longwire.

BTW, European and Downunder DXers hardly ever report hearing KZLS, but

lots of WTNI and other US X-banders; perhaps because of its direxional NNW/SSE pattern to ``serve`` OKC as well as Enid with far-right extremist talk shows and slanted news (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. I heard a Religious Pirate on 1710 Radio RetÈn Lo Que Tienes. (Hold What You have) All Spanish language. Don't know where they are (Kevin Redding, Crump, TN, Nov 19, ABDX via DXLD)

Baton Rouge IIRC. Glenn Hauser has been mentioning them in his reports. I don't know if they were on the air when I was at the Border Inn but I'll be checking my recordings for them. 73 Tim
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone (Tim Hall, ibid.)

These guys are from Baton Rouge and their typical screaming SS preaching has been heard here in IL a couple times but never good, https://www.radioretenloquetienes.com/
73 KAZ (Neil Kakzaross, ibid.)

Power Outage and 1710 kHz --- It`s literally been years since I logged anything new on 1710 or even heard a signal for that matter. Rising noise level have virtually eliminated the always-weak signals heard on this channel.

Last night we had a violent front come through, taking out power lines all over our city. Power was out from about 8:30 PM until well into the early morning. I took advantage of the quiet to listen for some DX.

Over the years, 1710 KHz has been an interesting channel. Pirates, radio convention stations, fishing buoy, etc. To my surprise last night, it came alive again. I heard a Spanish language station, playing mostly romantic Spanish ballads sung by females, and announcements by a male announcer. Never made out enough of anything to ID.

When the power came back on at around 4 AM, the noise levels rushed up and drowned the station out immediately. Any idea who my mystery station might have been? 73, (Les Rayburn, N1LF, 121 Mayfair Park, Maylene, AL 35114, EM63nf, Nov 19, IRCA via DXLD)

Questions like these make me wonder why I bother to distribute my loggings. Have not been able to hear it lately, and when I did it was always screaching, not music (gh, DXLD)

Hi Les, Your 1710 UNID was very likely Radio RetÈn Lo Que Tienes: https://www.radioretenloquetienes.com/

According to their website, their location is Baton Rouge. They are a recent occupant of 1710 and have been heard from Florida to Ontario and also here in lower Western Michigan. 73, (Tim Tromp, IRCA via DXLD)

How are they legally on 1710? Website even shows 1710. Do they have a TIS/HAR license that they are using for regular broadcasting? FCC AM query broadcast station search ends at 1700 kHz.

"Travelers' Information Stations on the AM band are limited to a 10 watt transmitter output power and the antenna height may not exceed 15 meters (49.2 feet). These stations may not transmit commercial information. This service is not available to individuals or groups, but only to governmental entities and park districts. /See/ 47 CFR 90.242
<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?node=se47.4.90_1242>
and 47 CFR 90.20(a)
<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?node=se47.4.90_120>
Application for an AM band Travelers' Information Station license may be made on FCC Form 601."

When I attempt to search 1710 at the following url
http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/travelers-information-stations-search
I get an HTTP 404 Error (meaning page not available). 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, ibid.)

Who said they were legal? LOL (Paul Walker, ibid.)

No question they're not legal, but today nobody will lift a finger unless a licensed broadcaster or an airport complains to the FCC. (Russ Edmunds, WB2BJH, Blue Bell, PA, Grid FN20id, IRCA via DXLD)

That`s what I`m hearing. Still no luck hearing them above the noise at home, but they`re pretty audible on the truck radio when I drive into quiet areas. Tonight there is no stop preaching in Spanish. Their web site stream matches what I`m hearing on the radio. Thank you Tim for helping with this one. Any idea what kind of power this station is running? 73, (Les Rayburn, N1LF, 121 Mayfair Park, Maylene, AL 35114, ibid.)

** U S A. The FCC has given its approval to the Entercom/CBS Radio merger clearing the final regulatory hurdle the deal needed to cross the finish line. The approval comes with the grant of two waivers towards the ownership limits in a market and is contingent on the divestiture of the nineteen stations being divested. Entercom has been given a six month waiver of the Radio/TV crossownership limits due to overlap in Miami and San Francisco, to permit CBS Corpís Leslie Moonves and Joseph Ianniello to serve as temporary members of the

Entercom Board of Directors for six months, and a continuation waiver for Entercom to continue to operated expanded band AM 1660 KXTR and its originally paired 1250 KXTR Kansas City. Petitions to deny by Ed Stolz and Deborah J. Naiman were rejected in the process.

Update 11/16: The FCC voted to approve the ownership rule changes on a party line by a 3-2 vote with one addition not previously revealed that will impact the sub-markets in the New York and Washington DC metropolitan areas. The approved changes are:

? Eliminating the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership rule preventing a company from operating a newspaper and a broadcast outlet in the same market.
? Eliminating the radio/television ownership subcaps so a television station no longer counts towards the limit of eight radio stations (maximum of five on each band) that a company can own.
? Eliminating the requirement that at least eight independently owned television stations must remain in the market following the combination of two television stations in a market
? Modifying the ban against common ownership of two top-four rated tv stations in a market to allow waivers on a case-by-case basis
? Eliminating the JSA Attribution Rule requiring television stations to count a station it sells more than 15% of ad time for under the ownership cap.

The FCC is also going to allow waivers in certain circumstances for companies to exceed the eight-station limit in embedded markets of New York and Washington DC. For example, Connoisseur Media who pushed for this modification, must count its 2 AMs and 4 FMs in the Nassau/Suffolk market towards its cap in the New York market and is concurrently blocked from purchasing stations in similar embedded markets like Monmouth/Ocean NJ (Radio Insight via NRC DX News Nov 27, published Nov 18, via DXLD)

** U S A. Back in 1953, channel 9 in Kansas City signed on the air as the 4th station in the city joining WDAF-4 which began in 1948 and KCTY-25 and KCMO-5 which went on in June and September. To get on the air quickly, radio stations WHB-710 and KMBC-980 got licenses to share time on channel 9. They each had their own studios but one transmitter. I counted it as one station as I did when I received WMIN-WTCN on channel 11 from Minneapolis. I saw them as WMIN-TV and only found out it was a shared channel operation when I received a verification letter. In KC the Cook Paint and Varnish Company (licensee of WHB) bought out KMBC-TV and kept the KMBC-TV call letters which they still are today. KCTY lasted only 9 months (DuMont) and KCMO-TV is now KCTV.

WIBW-580 in Topeka (KS) shared time with KSAC in Manhattan for many

decades. That arrangement involved two transmitters located 60 miles apart. KSAC was owned by Kansas State University and operated four hours each weekday. On weekends and holidays WIBW had 580 all to themselves. WIBW eventually paid KSU to give up the frequency. The KSAC call letters ended up in Sacramento with the K-State 580 station using different call letters [KKSU] for a short time until the station went dark. The university was compensated by the California station for giving up the KSAC call sign early (Dave Pomeroy, Topeka, Kansas, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

** UZBEKISTAN. 5855 & 5875, Nov 17 at 1322, open carriers, at S6-S9 and S5-S8 respectively, somethings warming up for 1330 broadcasts.

5855 at 1329 Nov 17 refers to BBCWS.com, 1330 into tonal language. 5875 at 1329 Nov 17 into atonal language, with recognizable BBCWS theme music.

HFCC shows both are 100 kW, 131 degrees from Tashkent, 5855 at 1330-1415 in Myanmarianese, 5875 at 1330-1400 in Bengali (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UZBEKISTAN. 7625, Nov 20 at 1419, JBA carrier. EiBi shows the only 7625 station anywhen is CMI Voice of Wilderness, for N Korea at 1330-1530 via Tashkent. CMI means Cornerstone Ministries International based in Tustin, California; WRTH 2017 files it in the COTB sexion, page 513 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN. 9660. Nov 16, 2017 at 2105-2115, Radio Vaticano, SM di Galeria-CVA, in Portuguese. Men announcers talk News of Catholic Church and Pope; Pope recorded words; Man talks News about FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) activities and a food security to South Sudan; 2114 News continues. Very good broadcasting, 45544 (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier, Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, Tecsun S-2000, Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

9660, Nov 18 at 2102, S9-S7 news about the PrÈmio Ratzinger, so got to be Vatican Radio; in Portuguese but Brazuguese accent. It`s 100 kW, 234 degrees direct from SMG CVA at 2100-2130 daily, per Aoki. I thought this good signal might be a relay back from Madagascar.

CIRAF target is only 46W, where the only Portuguese-speaking ex-colony is Guinea-Bissau, but this bearing carries right on to Brasil, where chances are they have a lot more listeners, as Brasil`s population is 112 X that of G-B (but the relative proportions of Catholix with SW radios is up for conjexure). Since the Brasilians have to put up with Luso accents on several SW stations which no longer broadcast to them but to Africa, it`s only fair that the Bissauans have to put up with Brazilian accents (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. 6020, Voice of Vietnam, program 4 (ethnic minority languages service), via Dac Lac, 1241+, Nov 18. Non-stop repetitive indigenous chanting; in vernacular. VOV4 website (Google translation) http://goo.gl/j9p6e4
Reception stronger than normal. Dac Lac province is located in the Central Highlands and has many indigenous people there who are not ethnically Vietnamese.

So it would seem that NBC Bougainville has for a long time now discontinued the use of this frequency. I last heard them here at 0642*, back on June 3, 2016. Don't recall seeing any reported receptions of NBC after June, 2016, on 6020?

VOV, 9839.8 // 12019.2, at 1139, on Nov 18. In English; ending the news with headlines; both almost fair (Ron Howard, San Francisco, at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. ALGERIA, 1550, Radio Nacional Repubica Arabe Saharaui, Rabuni, 0715-0727, 17-11, Arabic comments and songs. 35433 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 6 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** YEMEN [non]. 11860, Country ??? Rep. Of Yemen Radio / Sanaía. Location ??? Nov 17, 2017 Friday. 1650-1702. Arabic, Islamic prayer, presumed. OM talking at 1759, into usual music for TOH. Then OM with rapid talk in Arabic, news?? mentioned Yemen. Only s8-s9, but crystal clear. Noise free and minimal fading. Joíburg sunset 1635 (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA. Drake R8E, Sony ICF2001D. dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11860, Nov 19 at 1529, Republic of Yemen Radio in Qur`an solo by OM (what else?), going on for some time, still at 1540. Was this for vespers? No, gaisma.com says sunset at Sana`a was an hour earlier, 1430 UT, and about the earliest it ever gets during the year. Good signal S9+10/S7, considerably weaker by 1600.

And 11745 Al-Azm, another Sa`udi service for its military around Yemen, is much weaker at 1530. BTW, Gaisma.com has data for about 70 locations in Yemen, far more than for many other countries, proportionally (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. TANZANIA, Reception of Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation, Nov 15:
1801-1811 on 11735 DOL 050 kW / non-dir to CeAf English, very good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/11/reception-of-zanzibar-broadcasting.html

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, November 15-16, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE. Things seem to have been happening overnight in Zimbabwe according to Jo'burg media. No one knows yet whether a coup is in progress, but most Jo'burg media seem to believe that the military have taken over the ZBC studios. Zimbabwe got rid of its long range broadcasts in favour of FM some years ago, so it has not been monitored direct from Jo'burg for a long time. I will check 999 kHz (the old Voice of Zimbabwe frequency from Gweru) tonight in case it has been temporarily resurrected, but I am not optimistic. Certainly nothing heard from there this morning (November 15) at 0515 UT. There are no private radio or television stations in Zim, only the government controlled ZBC.

http://newsletters.iol.co.za/servlet/link/11978/114219/14280557/2712082

As of 0630, our local media is reporting that Mugabe is under house arrest (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA. Drake R8E, Sony ICF2001D, Nov 15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Here's what the BBC is reporting...
http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-41992351
(James Branum, OK, 0651 UT Nov 15, ibid.)

Per WRTH and some googling there are also some FM stations:
https://www.facebook.com/breezefm91.2/
http://diamondfm.co.zw/
http://starfm.co.zw/
http://skyzmetroradio.co.zw/
http://zifmstereo.co.zw/
https://www.facebook.com/Midlands984/
http://www.capitalkfm.com/
http://nyaminyamifm.co.zw/
http://www.yafm.co.zw/

73, (Mauno Ritola, 0833 UT Nov 15, ibid., WORLD OF RADIO 1905)

Also state-run ZBC also streams its Radio Zimbabwe, Power FM & S-FM services, their own pages linked from the parent website at
http://zbc.co.zw
All three heard in parallel at 0846 UT today with a speech in English from ?Mugabe (sounded like). (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, ibid.)

Streams not working at 0910 UT, at least not from Germany.
And the speech was presumably the one embedded herein:
http://www.dw.com/de/simbabwe-milit%C3%A4r-%C3%BCbernimmt-die-kontrolle/a-41384216

The link in the text underneath leads to the, it seems, so far only new article posted to the ZBC website today. Which of course would fit to reports about rebelling military in their studios (Kai Ludwig, 0921 UT, ibid.)

ZBC National FM also streaming - link on parent website doesn't work, but here are the individual URLs for all four ZBC radio channels:
ZBC Radio Zimbabwe: http://www.radiozim.co.zw
ZBC Power FM: http://www.powerfm.co.zw
ZBC National FM: http://www.nationalfm.co.zw
ZBC S-FM (aka Spot FM): http://www.sfm.co.zw
(David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, 0921 UT, ibid.)

All four streams are intermittent now (Kernick, 0924 UT, ibid.)

Yes, apologies, I worded my comment badly, I should have said "independent". But these FM stations are hardly independent. As the BBC said on November 14, 2017, "All broadcasters in Zimbabwe and many of the main newspapers, toe the government line".
http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-14113249
(Bill Bingham, RSA, ibid.)

Yes, certainly tightly government-controlled and even Capitalk seems to be only a music box at least now (Mauno, 0944 UT, ibid.)

999 kHz, Zimbabwe. Voice of Zimbabwe, Gweru. Nov 15, 2017 Wednesday. 1730-1740. Nothing heard, so not resurrected for news of the supposed coup. I'm not even sure the transmitter in Gweru still exists, it has been unused for so long. Jo'burg sunset 1634 (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA. Drake R8E, Sony ICF2001D. dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also BOTSWANA; USA VOA

UNIDENTIFIED. Trans-Pacific JBA MW carrier search, Nov 16 between 1243 and 1253 UT: Here is where I always start: 774-NW, also weaker from WSW, it seems; 702-WSW; 657-WSW, 594-WSW, 882-?, 972-?; 1035-WSW, 1098-W, 1116-WSW, 1323-WSW, 1566-NW. Also one off-frequency below 666 from WSW, local birdie? Sunrise here 1310 UT (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Trans-Pacific JBA MW carrier search, on the handheld, altazimuth wrist-mounted DX-398, Nov 17 at 1253-1300 UT: 774-NW, 828-NW, 882-?, 1035-WSW, 1098-W (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1510 kHz --- Hi Group, I have been hearing a station in the jumble with instrumental Opera type music, in the morning and now in the evening period as a matter of fact right now at 2300 UT. I have not been lucky enough to snag an ID as yet. I am wondering if others have any ideas as to whom this may be?? The station seems better on my

East Dkaz antenna. I first thought it may be XEQI, but I heard them on my south Dkaz with news program. Thanks, Regards, (James Niven, Austin, Texas, Nov 19, IRCA via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4045/usb, BoatNet? no calls heard & only the ëcontrolí station was audible, but this appeared to be a bunch of people in the Caribbean checking in & in reply to the check ins, the net control station would read weather forecasts & sea conditions for the area of the person calling. Ideas? 45444 1133-1139 11/Nov SPR-4 +longwire (Ken Zichi, MARE Brighton DXpedition, MARE Tipsheet 17 Nov via DXLD) [Caribbean Weather Net for pleasure craft] (Tipsheet ed.) Probably WCY Lakeland FL (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5030(-), Nov 20 at 1412, JBA carrier, a smidgin on the low side compared to 5025, even weaker than that remnant of Cuba. By this late hour, most Asians on 60m are almost gone, such as 4885, 4800. 5030 is intriguing, as current HFCC, Aoki and EiBi show nothing whatsoever on it at any time (Tonga reactivated? Hi hi. 1991 WRTH for 5030 had China, Malaysia, Tonga, and nearby Ecuador, Per˙) (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST) {Later: never mind; it`s an inexplicable mixture involving local 1390 KCRC}

UNIDENTIFIED. Re: Unidentified 6087.497 kHz --- Noted on Japan remote SDR post: HIGH SPEED ute data transmission at 1025 UT on Nov 15: two data PAIR string peaks visible, HIGHSPEED DATA on 6086.500 and 6087.500 kHz, S=8-9 in Hiroshima and Tokyo, Japan, but weak S=5-6 in Seoul South Korea. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, I can see that now, maybe they were still testing yesterday. Please post to UDXF, maybe someone has more info. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, 1105 UT Nov 15, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6130-USB, Nov 16 at 1330, INTRUDER, 2-way in Spanish, very weak, vs carrier presumably Laos (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7205, Nov 15 at 1354, song at S5-S6. I might expect Sudan by longpath since I am getting Eritrea, Ethiopia and Somaliland on 41m. Incredibly, literally, HFCC B-17 shows all these possibilities just before 1400 besides ALF Sudan: VOR in Russian via Moskva, and/or Tchita; CNR in Uighur from Urumqi, CRI in Chinese from Beijing; MIC from Japan (such as Sea Breeze)(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7470, Nov 19 at 0248, something here, VP S4 carrier; could it be anti-Christ pro-Yahweh pirate, Station YHWH? Cannot detect the dulcet tones of Josiah, but this was his last favorite frequency, not heard since Oct 14, and nothing else is scheduled here (except 22-

24 UT, IBB Bod-Tibetan via Tajikistan) (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DX LISTENING DIGEST) {Later: never mind: IBB now on 7470}

UNIDENTIFIED. At 1000-1005 UT noted EMPTY carrier on exact 9700.0 kHz, S=9+25dB signal strength in Greece and Italy remote SDRs, probably SPC-NURTS Sofia Kostinbrod signal? But at 1010 UT tune-in noted digital STANAG signal of ?FORCES? somewhere? on 3 kHz broadband block, 9700-9703 kHz wide. Nov 17. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

EGYPT: I think it was rather North Sudanian music or strange HFCC mx (Rumen Pankov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews November 16) via DXLD)

It`s not clear whether he is referring to this 9700, or to the 9400 Egyptian music Ivo frequently reports and to which wb also replied (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. UNKNOWNISTAN: 10040/AM, 1800, 11/11; M&W in Spanish, not // 11760 RHC. Mixing product? Weak (Harold Frodge, MARE Brighton DXpedition, Drake R8B + 500í bev, MARE Tipsheet 17 Nov via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11718-USB, Nov 15 at 2307, VP 2-way in Spanish; het from 11720, nothing on 11715. It seems I continue to be the only monitor documenting these INTRUDERS (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Hi Glenn, itís thursday November 16th. At about 2055 zulu, I picked up a station on 17975 kHz narrow FM. I could not get the station`s call but I was hearing a recording of some government voice (Kelly Sprout, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 2-way, not a broadcaster?

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1905:

Note from William Eareckson: quote Thank you for your excellent production and dedication to the shortwave listening community over the years. 73 Bill~KD0NPT (with contribution via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com)

One may also contribute by money order or check in US funds on a US bank to Glenn Hauser, P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES
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FIRST CASTING CALL FOR THE 2018 WINTER SWL FEST
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Yes, itís (already!) that time of the year again. We invite one and all to be a part of the 2018 Winter SWL Fest on March 1, 2 and 3 at the Doubletree Guest Suites in fashionable Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania. That's just 105 days away as I type this.

This will be the 31st such annual gathering and due to popular demand we have added an extra half day, opening the event on Thursday afternoon and continuing through all of Friday and Saturday. Details and background info from <www.swlfest.com>.

One of the centerpieces of the Fest weekend is our line-up of informative and entertaining forums. How do we get them? These excellent sessions are put together and presented by you and people just like you ó people with a deep and abiding interest in radio and a willingness to share what they've experienced, learned and know.

So, how about it? Have you a topic that you think Fest participants will find interesting and would be willing to present? Tell us about it. If youíve already contacted us, chances are we have your e-mail on file. However, chances are also that we donít. So, please re-contact us at this time just to make sure.

Your role will be to lead a one hour session forum. That means preparing about a half-hour presentation that leaves plenty of time for audience questions and interaction. It can be anything from a serious (or comic) lecture (or both) to a multimedia extravaganza. Your choice!

And as a gesture of appreciation (and perhaps some measure of small compensation for your efforts), the Fest will comp your registration fee if your proposal is accepted by the Organizing Committee (which consists of Rich Cuff, yours truly and a Magic 8 Ball we found in Richís attic when looking for old Fest printed programs and giveaways. We are seeking your help in fashioning a balanced and diverse line-up of topics and speakers.

Make your suggestion/proposal to John Figliozzi at <jfiglio1@nycap.rr.com>

If you have any questions, we'll be happy to discuss them with you. And even if you've never led a forum before, don't hesitate. We've learned that people tend to unfairly and inaccurately minimize their own abilities. We know you'll be great --- but you have to let us in on what you're thinking! We promise a quick turnaround on your proposal once we are able to survey the field.

Be a part of the 2018 Winter SWL Fest program!

73 and 88 to the Ladies (with due apologies to Ian McFarland [and Keith Perron]) John Figliozzi, Richard Cuff, 2018 Winter SWL Fest (and apparently for life) Co-Chairs --- Posted by: (John Figliozzi, Nov 15, 2017, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

LANGUAGE LESSONS
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AN ELEGY TO CW (MORSE CODE)

Recently on the Elecraft reflector, Wayne Burdick, N6KR, co-owner and principal designer of Elecraft, wrote a brief piece on why he is a CW fan. He has been experimenting, as I have, with the new FT-8 digital mode. Here is his comment on the experience. This is reprinted with the personal permission of N6KR.

I find that CW has many practical and engaging aspects that I just don't get with computer-mediated modes like FT8. You'd think I'd be burned out on CW by now, over 45 years since I was first licensed, but no, I'm still doin' it

Yes, FT8 (etc.) is a no-brainer when, despite poor conditions, your goal is to log as many contacts as possible with as many states or countries as possible. It's so streamlined and efficient that the whole process is readily automated. (If you haven't read enough opinions on that, see "The mother of all FT8 threads'on QRZ.com <http://QRZ.com>, for example.)

But back to CW. Here's why it works for me. YMMV.

CW feels personal and visceral, like driving a sports car rather than taking a cab. As with a sports car, there are risks. You can get clobbered by larger vehicles (QRM). "Witness road range ("UP 2!"). Fall into a pothole (QSB). Be forced to drive through rain or snow (QRN).

With CW, like other forms of human conversation, you can affect your own style. Make mistakes. Joke about it.

CW is a skill that bonds operators together across generations and nations. A language, more like pidgin than anything else, with abbreviations and historical constructs and imperialist oddities. A curious club anyone can join. (At age 60 and able to copy 50 WPM on a good day, I may qualify as a Nerd Mason of some modest order, worthless in any other domain, but of value in a contest.)

With very simple equipment that anyone can build, such as a high-power

single-transistor oscillator, you can transmit a CW signal. I had very little experience with electronics when I was 14 and built an oscillator that put out maybe 100 mW. Just twisted the leads of all those parts together and keyed the collector supply--a 9-volt battery. With this simple circuit on my desk, coupled to one guy wire of our TV antenna mast, I worked a station 150 miles away and was instantly hooked on building things. And on QRP. I'm sure the signal was key-clicky and had lots of harmonics. I've spent a lifetime making such things work better, but this is where it started.

Going even further down the techno food chain, you can "send" CW by whistling, flashing a lamp, tapping on someone's leg under a table in civics class, or pounding a wrench on the inverted hull of an upside-down U.S. war vessel, as happened at Pearl Harbor. Last Saturday at an engineering club my son belongs to, a 9-year-old demonstrated an Arduino Uno flashing HELLO WORLD in Morse on an LED. The other kids were impressed, including my son, who promptly wrote a version that sends three independent Morse streams on three LEDs. A mini-pileup. His first program.

Finally, to do CW you don't always need a computer, keyboard, mouse, monitor, or software. Such things are invaluable in our daily lives, but for me, shutting down everything but the radio is the high point of my day. The small display glows like a mystic portal into my personal oyster, the RF spectrum. Unless I crank up the power, there's no fan noise. Tuning the knob slowly from the bottom end of the band segment to the top is a bit like fishing my favorite stream, Taylor Creek, which connects Fallen Leaf Lake to Lake Tahoe. Drag the line across the green, sunlit pool. See what hits. Big trout'DX. Small trout' Hey, it's still a fish, and a QSO across town is still a QSO. Admire it, then throw it back in.

(BTW: You now know why the Elecraft K3, K3S, KX2, and KX3 all have built-in RTTY and PSK data modes that allow transmit via the keyer paddle and receive on the rig's display. We decided to make these data modes conversational --- like CW.) Back to 40 meters. 73, Wayne N6KR

Thanks, Wayne. After 64 years of hamming, I completely agree. I can only do 30 wpm on a good day, but it is still music to my ears. Keep the faith, baby (John Lyon, Minnesota DX Club yg via DXLD)

Not to mention how much easier it is to I-D the beacons J Cheers! (Mark Durenberger, ibid.)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See BANGLADESH; ETHIOPIA; NIGERIA; PERU
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC See INDIA; MEXICO; USA: 1030=830

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See also OKLAHOMA
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QUESTION ABOUT DTV LD STATIONS

For anyone in the know - Does an existing DTV LD facility have to file an application to increase their power to the full 15 kW allowed for LD's?

One of my locals (the owner) mentioned to me they are talking about raising the power but haven't done anything yet with an application to the FCC. BTW, they are NOT getting bumped in the re-pack, so they will remain in service. Just curious (Jim Thomas, Springfield, Missouri, Nov 17, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

Yes, they have to file an application. And if he's going to do so, he should do so sooner rather than later. The FCC has announced that a freeze on LPTV modifications is coming to permit a stable database when the ones that are bumped file for new channels (- Trip Ericson, http://www.rabbitears.info Nov 18, ibid.)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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TRY SOMETHING NEW THIS WINTER!

Hello All, One of the reasons why our Ultralightdx Yahoo group has had strong growth for ten years is because we have accepted many diverse challenges --- from the basic challenge of DXing with a simple pocket radio (which all of us share) all the way up to the challenge of developing 21st Century antennas (and discovering innovative DXing sites) to make pocket radios surprisingly effective in Transoceanic DXing results.

Not all of us have the ability or desire to develop breakthrough antennas or perform loopstick transplant operations, but the entire history of the Ultralight Radio DXing community has been one of pioneering accomplishments-- from Rob Ross' reception of 300 stations in one month on his SRF-59, Richard Allen's reception of multiple Longwave TA's from Europe and Africa on his 7.5" loopstick PL-360 in Oklahoma, and Allen Willie's reception of hundreds of TA's on his SRF-M37V in Newfoundland. When our late Co-Founder John Bryant was still with us he would constantly challenge each one of the Ultralightdx leaders (including me) to try something new -- either in antenna work, DXing accomplishments or volunteer service.

John was an ex-Professor of Architecture at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, and he had a natural teaching style familiar to all those who knew him. John was the one who introduced me to DU-DXing in 2008, teaching me all the basics of how to track down exotic South Pacific DX right in the middle of the worst possible season-- the dog days of summer. At the time it sounded like science fiction to me, and I thought that John might be "pulling my leg--" but he was absolutely right!

I don't have anywhere near the accomplishments or leadership that John had, but he and I did share a fascination with antennas -- especially monster antennas that could make Ultralight radios highly competitive in Transoceanic DXing. So, in the spirit of John Bryant, I would like to offer some links to articles that have inspired many Ultralight Radio DXers (and others) to really push the limits in antenna construction -- including one article that John and I wrote together.

As I have shared with anyone willing to listen, I'm convinced that the future of our Ultralight Radio community is very bright -- and optimism and innovation will win out over pessimism and boredom every time! Sometime this winter, why not try something new to increase your DXing fun -- maybe a new antenna, a new band (FM, SW or Longwave) or Transoceanic DX reception? The future belongs to those who are excited about it -- one of the reasons why our Ultralight Radio Community has been one of the most vibrant segments of the AM-DXing community for ten years. 73 and Good DX, Gary DeBock (in Puyallup, WA, USA)
Ultralight Radio Group Co-Founder

1) Supercharging the Sony ICF-2010 (May 2008)
Using the loopstick transplant principles developed through extensive Ultralight radio experimentation, this article details how to replace the ICF-2010's stock 6.5" loopstick with a 19.5" composite transplant-- thereby dramatically boosting MW band sensitivity (while providing a significant boost to Longwave reception as well).
http://www.mediafire.com/file/3msq1yx6hn7tm5g/SuperchargingtheICF2010LargeComplete.pdf

2) E100 Slider Loopstick (September 2008)
Co-authored with John Bryant, this article explains how to replace the E100 stock loopstick with a far more effective 7.5" Slider loopstick. Many of these highly sensitive models are still in DXing service today
http://www.mediafire.com/view/nqggfm2jymc/YOU_CAN_DO_THIS_Building_the_Slider_E100.pdf

3) PVC Loops-- The Low Cost Ticket to High DX Gain (August 2009)
Tired of expensive commercial antennas or pricey ferrite sleeve loops? This article will teach you how to build a dirt-cheap PVC air core loop with side sizes from 18 inches up to 9 feet... all of them (MW

models) costing well under $100. The 9' monster size loop was used here to receive 7 Medium Wave TA's in 2009-2010.
http://www.am-dx.com/ThePVCLoopOverallArticle.pdf

4) PL-360 Plug-in 7.5" Loopsticks (June 2010)
Do you have a PL-360 model (with its plug-in antenna jack for AM and LW loopsticks)? This article will teach you how to replace the deaf midget loopstick with extremely effective 7.5" Medium Wave and Longwave plug-in replacements-- with no modification required to the radio at all. 25 of the MW and 5 of the LW plug-in loopsticks were made here and sent out to PL-360 owners-- many of which are still in use.
http://www.mediafire.com/view/2cqwsqj0bvajf6k/7.5%20inch-LS.doc

5) 7.5" Longwave Loopsticks (June 2011)
Detailed technical article describing the challenge and success in developing 7.5" Longwave-optimized loopsticks for the Tecsun DSP Ultralights. Includes basic instructions for building your own 7.5" Longwave loopstick PL-380 model
http://www.mediafire.com/view/845snah2h4ek9z9/7.5inLWLS.doc

6) 7" FSL Antenna-- Detailed "Heathkit-like" Construction Article (October 2011)
Build your own 7" Ferrite Sleeve Loop antenna at a cost of under $200. This detailed article has multiple Photoshop-enhanced instructional photos to guide you in creating a highly effective 7" FSL antenna
http://www.mediafire.com/view/dshnqlbydf6qu25/7%20Inch%20Diameter.doc

7) 5" FSL Antenna-- Detailed "Heathkit-like" Construction Article (March 2012)
Build your own 5" Ferrite Sleeve Loop antenna at a cost of under $150. This detailed article has multiple Photoshop-enhanced instructional photos to guide you in creating a highly effective 5" FSL antenna
http://www.mediafire.com/view/9ze98h293s85p86/5%20inch%20FSL.doc

8) Supercharging the PL-380-- Detailed "Heathkit-like" Construction Article (October 2013)
Replace the midget stock loopstick in your Tecsun PL-380 with a far more effective 7.5" Medium Wave or Longwave loopstick transplant-- and enjoy a new level of DXing success. Multiple Photoshop-enhanced assembly photos to guide you in the process of creating your own highly sensitive DXing portable-- for under $100 in assembly parts.
http://www.mediafire.com/view/du3sr5cd9thqvau/7.5inch-LS-PL380.doc

9) 3 inch FSL Tecsun PL-380-- Detailed "Heathkit-like" Construction article (January 2016)
Replace the midget stock loopstick in your Tecsun PL-380 with a compact, lightweight 3" FSL antenna-- externally mounted and optimized

for high-level Medium Wave DXing excitement . Multiple Photoshop-enhanced assembly photos guide you in the assembly process.
http://www.mediafire.com/file/w0gcek56f6aq7kr/3_Inch_FSL_Tecsun_PL.doc

10) 3.5 inch (89mm) "Frequent Flyer" FSL Antenna-- Detailed "Heathkit-like" Construction article (July 2017)
Specifically designed to routinely pass through airport security checkpoints and provide high-gain inductive coupling boosts for MW-DXing portables, the "Frequent Flyer" FSL's have already been used in Asia, Africa, Europe, North America and Hawaii for some exceptional DXing fun. Several of the MP3's recorded in Kona, Hawaii have assisted DXers in North America and Japan to make sure of receptions such as 621-Tuvalu and 1440-Kiribati. The detailed article uses multiple Photoshop-enhanced assembly photos to guide you in the construction process- all for about $150 in commonly available parts.
http://www.mediafire.com/file/pnfm8909c77zjoy/3.5inch-FF-FSL.doc
(Gary DeBock, Puyallup WA, IRCA via DXLD)

SOFTWARE PIONEER VANU BOSE DIES
Amateur Radio Newsline By Jim Damron November 17, 2017

The chief executive of the first company to be certified by the FCC for software-defined radio died suddenly in Massachusetts on Nov 11. The death of software executive Vanu Bose was announced on the website of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was an alumnus and member of the MIT Corporation. Bose's company Vanu Inc., uses technology he developed while a graduate student at MIT and now provides wireless infrastructure around the world.

The company also used its technology for humanitarian causes, most recently assisting with communications in Puerto Rico following the devastating hurricane.

In 2004, Bose's company made news when it won the first FCC approval of Vanu's Software Radio GSM Base Station, which was capable of being modified without changes to its hardware. It was heralded as a major advance in wireless communications.

Vanu Inc. was also the developer of cellular repeater stations capable of running on solar power, enabling communications in remote areas of the world, including developing countries.

He was the son of the late Amar G. Bose, was the founder of the Bose Corporation. Vanu Bose died of a pulmonary embolism. He was 52. (MIT)
Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD) obit

PROPAGATION
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:Product: Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
:Issued: 2017 Nov 20 0558 UTC
Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center
Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html
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Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 13 - 19 November 2017

Solar activity was at very low levels throughout the period. Several B-class flares were observed from Region 2687 (S08, L=180, class/area Cao/090 on 16 Nov). The largest was a B7 flare at 13/0648 UTC. No Earth-directed coronal mass ejections were observed.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit reached moderate levels on 16 Nov and high levels on 13-15 and 17-19 Nov. The largest flux of the period was 20,582 pfu observed at 13/1455 UTC.

Geomagnetic field activity ranged from quiet to active levels. The period began with solar wind speed between 370-430 km/s and total field between 2-9 nT. A prolonged period of -Bz reaching -7 nT was observed between 14/1322-2256 UTC. The geomagnetic field responded with quiet levels on 13 Nov and quiet to unsettled levels on 14 Nov. By 15 Nov, total field increased to a maximum of 15 nT at 15/1858 UTC while the Bz component deflected southward to a maximum of -9 nT at 16/0100 UTC. Solar wind speed increased to around 520 km/s late on 15 Nov through 16 Nov as a positive polarity coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) became geoeffective. By 16/0900 UTC, total field decreased to 5 nT while solar wind speed began decreasing early on 17 Nov. The period ended at nominal levels with solar wind speed near 380 km/s. The geomagnetic field responded with quiet to active levels on 15-16 Nov, quiet to unsettled levels on 17 and 19 Nov, and quiet levels on 18 Nov.

FORECAST OF SOLAR & GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 20 NOVEMBER-16 DECEMBER 2017

Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels throughout the period.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is

expected to reach high levels on 22-25 Nov, 05-10 Dec and 12-16 Dec due to recurrent CH HSS influences.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at unsettled to active levels on 20-23 Nov, 29-30 Nov, 04-08 Dec and 11-14 Dec with G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm levels likely on 04-07 Dec and G2 (Moderate) levels likely on 04-05 Dec due to recurrent CH HSS effects.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27DO.txt
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Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html
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27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
Issued 2017-11-20
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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2017 Nov 20	75	18	4
2017 Nov 21	75	18	4
2017 Nov 22	75	15	4
2017 Nov 23	75	8	3
2017 Nov 24	75	5	2
2017 Nov 25	75	5	2
2017 Nov 26	75	5	2
2017 Nov 27	73	5	2
2017 Nov 28	72	5	2
2017 Nov 29	71	8	3
2017 Nov 30	70	10	3
2017 Dec 01	70	5	2
2017 Dec 02	70	5	2
2017 Dec 03	69	5	2
2017 Dec 04	68	35	6
2017 Dec 05	69	40	6
2017 Dec 06	70	28	5
2017 Dec 07	70	20	5
2017 Dec 08	71	10	3
2017 Dec 09	72	5	2
2017 Dec 10	72	5	2
2017 Dec 11	73	12	4
2017 Dec 12	73	15	4
2017 Dec 13	74	12	4
2017 Dec 14	75	8	3
2017 Dec 15	75	5	2
2017 Dec 16	75	5	2

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1905, DXLD)

GLENN`S PROPAGATION OUTLOOK FOR MEDIA NETWORK PLUS AS OF NOV 23, 2017

Keith, from Space Weather Services Australia, the Global HF propagation forecast thru November 25: normal at low latitude bands, normal to fair at middle and high latitudes.

From Space Weather South Africa, thru November 25, magnetic conditions quiet, shortwave fadeouts unlikely, MUF unstable.

From Met Office UK, thru November 26: Solar activity very low, no sunspots visible or expected. Geomagnetic conditions mainly quiet to unsettled, possible active intervals, planetary K indices of 4 or a slight chance of 5 on the 26th with a minor G1 storm.

From F K Janda of the Czech Propagation Interest Group, the geomagnetic field will be:
quiet on November 24 - 28, December 2, 9
mostly quiet on November 29, December 8
quiet to active on November 30, December 4, 7, 12 - 13
quiet to unsettled on December 1, 3, 11 - 12
active to disturbed on December 5 - 6

From the Space Environment Predixion Center, China, the planetary A index predicted from 2 to 6 until December 4 when it jumps to 29; another peak up to 13 on December 12, and 23 on December 18. Solar flux varying only slightly between 74 and 70 thru December 19.

From the Space Weather Predixion Center in Boulder, Colorado, solar flux dropping from 75 December 26 to 68 December 4, back up to 75 by December 14. Geomagnetic field with G1 minor storm levels likely December 4 to 7, boosting to G2 moderate storms December 4 and 5 with A and K indices peaking at 40 and 6 on the fifth. Lowest A`s and K`s of 5 and 2 November 24-28; December 1-3, 9, 10, 15, 16 (via DXLD) ###